

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

March 25, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

**Music and rhythm find their way
into the secret places of the soul.**

Plato

Whoever sings prays twice

St. Augustine

There are some things can be learned by the head but....

Christ crucified can only be learned by the heart.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Preacher

My sweet Lord...are you not my mother and more than my mother?...

**For when the hour of your delivery came you were placed on the
hard bed of the cross, and your nerves and all your veins were broken.**

**And truly it is no surprise that your veins burst when in one day
you gave birth to the whole world.**

Marguerite d'Oingt, 13th century French nun

A King Like No Other

Matthew 21:1-17

First Presbyterian Church

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Palm Sunday

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***Please stand if you are able.**

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WELCOME

PRELUDE – *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* arr. Michael Fischer

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

*** PROCESSION OF THE PALMS** – The Good News Kidz

Jesus Loves Me! verse 1 **# 304**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna **# 89**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Basil Naylor

Lord, on this Palm Sunday, you were given a hero's welcome as one who was going the way of the crowd, but you had chosen the way of the cross, and the applause was short-lived. Forgive us when we go the way of the crowd rather than the cross. Keep bright and clear before us the vision of our calling, that we may never be diverted from the way you have chosen for us, but may follow in the footsteps of you, our crucified and risen Lord, to whom be all glory, laud and honor, this day and for evermore. In Your name we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (#577)**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Stabat Mater* Dr. Kenneth R. Benoit
Kay Hall, soprano

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 21:1-17 New Testament page 23 in pew Bible

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

A King Like No Other

THIS WE BELIEVE (IN UNISON) John 3:16-17 NRSV

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

(Visitors, in the pew rack you will find a Guest Information card. Please complete the card, then place it in the offering plate.)

Please, no applause

Offertory Anthem – God So Loved the World John Stainer

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE – DOXOLOGY (#593)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** . . Adapted from Patterns and Prayer for Christian Worship

Lord Jesus, we greet your coming, pilgrim messiah, servant king, rejected savior. You rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, symbol of humility and lowliness, mocking our dreams of pomp and glory, demonstrating the foolishness of God before the eyes of the world. You have shown us the way of humble service, the way of true greatness. Lord Jesus, help us to follow. In Your name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN – How Great Thou Art** **# 467**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Congregational Response:

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

***POSTLUDE - Gargoyles: Toccata Grotesque Garth Edmundson**

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Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio for juice and coffee.

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Lay Reader – Dorothy Olive

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God.**

WELCOME VISITORS!

It is our hope that you will encounter God as you worship with us. First Presbyterian Church is a family of faith committed to families, peacemaking, and mission. There are educational offerings for all ages, as well as fellowship groups for members and friends of the church. All are welcome. For information, visit us at our **web site at: fpcoh.org**

CHILD CARE for infants is provided in the nursery, located in the Narthex (Lobby) of the church. Children's worship kits are also available for younger children. Please ask an usher for assistance. Our children's Sunday school, Good News Kidz (GNK), gathers at 10am in the sanctuary (September through May). **FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**, in the narthex we have large print hymnals and a limited number of pew cushions available.

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This morning, The Westminster Choir will premiere a new work, *Stabat Mater*, by resident composer Dr. Ken Benoit. The English text reflects on the sorrow of Mary as she stood in the presence of her son Jesus on the cross. This mini-cantata for choir and organ features a soprano solo that will be sung by Kay Hall.

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OPPORTUNITIES

The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

Please check our website: fpcoh.org
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar; and
our Facebook page: facebook.com/fpcoh/
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

Good News Kidz (GNK) — (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible — Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., chapel
A study focusing on the scripture of the day.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, March 26th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, March 30th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

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DROP BY FOR COFFEE OR TEA WITH KENNEDY THIS WEEK

Here are the unscheduled times this week where I am available
for y'all to come by for a visit!

Sunday – 1 to 6 PM

(Bible study, worship, and lunch take up the rest of the day.)

Monday – 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

(Easter preparation takes up the remaining time)

Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

(preschool walkaround, Rotary, and communion visits take up the remaining time)

Wednesday – 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

(Holy Week Preparation takes up the remaining time)

Friday – 10:30 to 12 PM

(sermon work and Good Friday preparation take up the remaining time.)

Please try to call beforehand so I can put the kettle on, and to make sure that the schedule hasn't unexpectedly changed for a hospital visit or some other concern.

Calendar

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Mini-Cantata - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 26

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 28

- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday

- Worship Service –
 - Dinner of soup and bread - Chapel beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 - Worship – Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

- A Time of Prayer - Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Worship Service – Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

HELP US MAKE THE MATCH OF \$5000.00 FOR EASTER!

Each year as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we take up a special offering to move our church forward in bringing the new life that Jesus brings to our community and world. This Easter, we have a huge opportunity, as we have been offered a \$5,000.00 match! That means every dollar you give will be doubled!! And where will your doubled dollar go?

50% of your Easter offering will fund our on-going ministries that share this new life each week, and the other 50% will go to two special mission causes to bring that new life to our neighbors near and far. Over 11 years ago, a remarkable Easter giving campaign launched our mission with Temple Beth El to HIV orphans in Haiti. Now we are seeing those children move on to college! And that work has expanded to include the development of a community center in the neighborhood where our home resides, along with other crucial ministries. 25% of your Easter gift will go to undergird this powerful ministry. Even as we reach out with God's love in Haiti, your gift will help those in need right here, too. Many years ago, a group from this church began to feed the hungry of Hollywood on the western edge of our campus in the area we call the Patch. That pioneering work evolved into an ecumenical partnership with Broward Outreach that now provides a lunch meal each Saturday and Sunday to over a hundred folks when the Jubilee Soup Kitchen is closed. Each first Saturday of the month, we provide one of those meals. 25% of your Easter gift will go to fund this ministry. With the challenge match doubling every dollar, that means we could raise as much as \$10,000.00! In this offering, you have the opportunity to see the light of God's love in Jesus go forth in significant and powerful ways to our local community, and even across the world. Please give as generously as you can.

INVITATION SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Today, anyone wishing to become a member of this church family can meet with a team of elders after worship today and become an official church member. That way, folks don't have to wait for a Newcomers' Seminar to join. Then the last Sunday in April, we will welcome these new members through Renewal of Baptism or by Baptism into our family of faith, even as we invite others to join that day. So, if you haven't yet joined, today you'll get your chance! Just meet me as I come down the aisle or in the lobby, and we'll move together to the chapel to get you official!