

**Welcome!**  
**We are so glad you are here.**

**March 4, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.**

**But words are things, and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon  
a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.**

*Lord Byron, Poet*

**It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me;  
it's the parts that I do understand.**

*Mark Twain*

**We revere the Bible, but we don't read it.**

*George Gallup, Pollster*

**If you are religious, it is easier to read some pious book than the Bible.  
The Bible treats you like human life – roughly.**

*Oswald Chambers*

**The Power of Faith 5**  
***Receiving the Life***

**Psalm 119:97-105**

**The First Presbyterian Church**

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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Director of Family Ministries: James M. Potts

Director of Music: Dr. Robert Remek

March 4, 2018

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**\*Please stand if you are able. Please, no applause during the worship service**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE - *The Light of the World Is Jesus* . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – O Word of God Incarnate . . . . . # 327**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) . . . . Adapted from St. Thomas á Kempis (1380-1471)**

**O Lord Jesus, let not your word become a judgment upon us, lest we hear it  
and do not do it, or believe it and do not obey it. Forgive us when those words become  
true for us. Lead us to hear and then, to believe and then obey. 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.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ANTHEM – *Guide My Feet* . . . . . African-American spiritual**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 119:97-105** (Old Testament, **Page 568** in pew Bible)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

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**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** ..... John 1:1-4, NRSV

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with **God**, and the **Word** was **God**. He was in the beginning with **God**. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Break Thou the Bread of Life** ..... **#329**

**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.)*

*The anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.*

**Offertory Anthem – Lift Your Light** ..... Mary McDonald

**\*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. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** ..... Adapted from St. Jerome, 347-420

**O Lord, you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our path; inspire us to meditate on that word and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**\*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 - Prelude and Fugue in G Major . . . . . J.S. Bach**

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**web site at: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org) [facebook.com/fpcoh/](https://facebook.com/fpcoh/)**

**Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcoh.org](mailto:landerson@fpcoh.org)**

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

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**LAY READER – David Lindstrom**

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Leslie Young  
in honor of her son John Patrick's birthday.**

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**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](http://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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**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS March 11<sup>th</sup>:  
Spring forward!!!**

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

**<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.**

**Please check our website: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org)  
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcoh.org](mailto:landerson@fpcoh.org) >**

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## **BOARD OF DEACONS —**

### **A Deacons Fund offering will be received today.**

These gifts will go to help members of our church and community when they face financial distress, or to help folks in need who God places in our path. Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin.

Just a reminder, **we continue to collect non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies and gently used or new sneakers and blue jeans** for the Jubilee Center. You may place these items in the narthex area.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

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

**Boy Scout Troop 420, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building**

**Learning Center chapel — March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary**

**Early Learning Center chapel — March 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., West Wing**

**After Care Center chapel — March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary**

**GNK Teacher Bible study — March 11<sup>th</sup>, following worship, church office**

## **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 5<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

## **FAITH AND FAMILY EVENTS —**

### **Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – Movie Night with *The Star* (just released on DVD)**

It's Christmas in March with the fun and exuberant cartoon-take on the Christmas story, starring Kelly Clarkson, Anthony Anderson, and Oprah Winfrey. **Come enjoy pizza (\$1 per slice) on the patio, and then grab some popcorn (25¢ a bag), and enjoy this family flick!**

### **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic**

As we ramp up for Easter, we end the *Faith and Family Month* with our amazing Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic. Come out for a worship service at 10 AM and then head over to the Patch for the hunt and an awesome picnic lunch - along with lots of raffles and fun activities! **Tickets are on sale today on the patio**, with all proceeds to benefit our Learning Center ministries.

## **HOLLYWOOD C.A.R.E.S —**

The next meeting of **Hollywood C.A.R.E.S. will be on Thursday, March 8th, 7:30 pm, in the Temple Beth El Media Center (library), 1351 South 14 Avenue.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting – no obligation. Call Sharon Tanenhaus at 954-920-8225 for information.

## **MEETING —**

**Staff meeting – March 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon, church office**

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —**

**Circle 1, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Chapel**

**Today is the deadline** for reservations for the **PW luncheon on Saturday, March 10**. Payment of \$25 is required with your reservation. Lunch choices are a club sandwich or chef salad. Please see Dee Olive in the Narthex after church.

## **WORSHIP —**

**MINI LENTEN CANTATA —** The Westminster Choir will premiere a new work, *Stabat Mater*, by resident composer Dr. Ken Benoit during the 10 AM service on **Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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. In the service on Sunday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Westminster Choir will perform an anthem newly-added to their library, a Dixieland setting of *When the Saints Go Marching In* by John Rutter.**

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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 – 12 to 4 PM**

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

### **Monday – 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 4 pm**

(Staff meeting takes up the midday.)

### **Tuesday – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM to 2 to 3:30 PM**

(preschool walkaround, Rotary, and movie previewing  
take up the remaining time.)

### **Wednesday – 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM**

(chapels, lunch. mtg. w. James Potts, and Lenten film series  
take up the remaining time)

### **Friday – 10:30 to 11:30**

(sermon preparation, chapel and movie night take up the rest of the day)

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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 4 – Lent 3**

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

### **Monday, March 5**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel ..... 9:00 – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church office ..... Noon

### **Tuesday, March 6**

- Circle 1 – Chapel ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building ..... 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, March 7**

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary ..... 10:30 a.m.
- Lenten Series Movie – Chapel ..... 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 8**

- Westminster Choir ..... 5:15 p.m.
- Westminster Ringers Bell Choir ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### **Friday, March 9**

- A Time of Prayer - Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- After Care Chapel - Sanctuary ..... 4:00 p.m.
- Family & Faith Movie Night – Patio ..... 6:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 10**

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel ..... 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Share-A-Meal – Church Kitchen ..... 11:00 a.m.
- Presbyterian Women’s Spring Luncheon – The Club at Emerald Hills,  
4100 North Hills Drive ..... 11:45 a.m.

### **Sunday, March 11 – Lent 4 – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

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



## A WORD FROM KENNEDY

### STREAMLINING SUNDAYS!

No time has more importance in our family of faith than when we gather and grow together as a community each Sunday morning to worship. For over four years, we have not taken a close look at how we use this time. At our meeting of your Elders this past Monday, we began to look at some ways to use this time more effectively.

Out of that conversation, we have already made some changes to our worship time. We are reducing the number of announcements made at the News of the Community portion of the service. Each week, the lay reader will highlight only two announcements, and – prior to the sermon - I will highlight one. All others will be shared in the bulletin, and - during Robert's closing worship music – on-screen as worship ends. We have also removed the song we sing after the prayer: Spirit of the Living God.

Over the coming weeks, Session has asked me, in conjunction with our Director of Music, Dr. Robert Remek, and Family Ministries Director, James Potts, to look at everything we do in worship to see how we can do it better. Please share with us your suggestions as we look at how to make our gathering together more powerful and meaningful for us all.

Finally, we will make the last Sunday of each month, *Invitation Sunday*. On that day, we will invite anyone wishing to become a member of this church family to meet after worship with a team of Elders. That way, folks don't have to wait for a Newcomers' Seminar to become official. Then the next month on that last Sunday, we will welcome these folks through Renewal of Baptism or Baptism into our family of faith - even as we invite others to join that day.

### THIS FRIDAY, IT'S MOVIE NIGHT WITH *THE STAR!* — just released on DVD

As part of our Faith and Family month, it's Christmas in March with the fun and exuberant cartoon take on the Christmas story, starring Kelly Clarkson, Anthony Anderson, and Oprah Winfrey. Come at 6 pm to enjoy pizza on the patio, and then grab a bag of popcorn, and enjoy this family flick! **See the sign-up sheet in this bulletin**

Then the next **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**, we cap the Faith and Family Month with our amazing **Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic**. Come out for worship at 10 AM and then head over to the Patch for the hunt and an awesome picnic lunch along with lots of raffles and fun activities! **Tickets are on sale TODAY and next Sunday**, with all proceeds to benefit our Learning Center ministries. Call Rebecca at 954-922-8558 for information.

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## **SPEAKING OF MOVIES....**

This Wednesday, **March 7th**, our annual Lenten film series, with the theme, *Searching for Shalom*, continues. Each film creatively deals with how human beings struggle for a world that is full of peace between one another, and between creation itself, a sadly appropriate theme after the awful violence in Parkland. This week the film is:

The 2002 thriller, **Changing Lanes**, with Ben Affleck and Samuel Jackson —  
a film that critic Roger Ebert called one of the best movies of the year.

**Each film starts at 7 PM with a brief discussion afterwards, and there will be popcorn and chips available for all attendees. Come out and enjoy!**

# Family and Faith **MOVIE NIGHT** Sign Up

**March 9, 2018**

**CHURCH PATIO  
DINNER AT 6:00 P.M.  
Pizza \$1 per slice**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF  
ADULTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN** \_\_\_\_\_

**EASTER LILIES**  
for the sanctuary

If you would like to decorate the church with lilies for our Easter worship service, here is your chance. You may place these lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one, and we will prepare a special bulletin for Easter listing each person honored or remembered. It is a great way to remember and honor the folks you love.

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost to be announced March 11th

Circle one: *In Loving Memory of* OR *In Honor of*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to  
▲First Presbyterian Church▲ & mark it ▲Easter Lilies.▲

Deadline for all orders is Sunday, March 26, 2018.

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Please fill in your name and phone number and **RETURN THE ENTIRE FORM** intact by placing it in the offering plate. You may also mail it directly to the church office (1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, FL 33020-5240).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below if you wish to take your lily home after Easter worship:

9 Yes, I=ll take the plant home      9 No, please use it where needed