

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

April 1, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Is death the last step? No, it is the final awakening.

Sir Walter Scott, Novelist

**Death is the ultimate weapon of the tyrant;
resurrection does not make a covenant with death,
it overthrows it.**

N.T. Wright, Biblical Scholar, Bishop of Durham, England

**"The stone was rolled away from the door,
not to permit Christ to come out,
but to enable the disciples to go in."**

Peter Marshall

**The resurrection is not only the Good News,
it is the best news imaginable.**

Ray C. Stedman in God's Loving Word

Steadfast and Immovable

I Corinthians 15:3-6, 20-26, 51-58

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

EASTER SUNDAY

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April 1, 2018

Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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

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WELCOME

PRELUDE – *Fanfare* Alec Wyton

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***CHORAL INTROIT** – *Alleluia, What a Happy Day!* Ruth Schram
Kay Hall, soprano

***HYMN** – **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** # 123
Mary Silvestro, chimes Gordon Myers, tympani

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from St. Gregory of Nazianzus c 330-389

**Today we rejoice in the salvation of the world. Christ is risen; let us arise in him!
Christ enters new life; let us live in him! Christ has come forth from the tomb;
let us shake off the shackles of evil! The gates of hell are open. The powers of evil
are overcome! In Christ, a new creation is coming to birth, Alleluia! Lord, make
us new, Alleluia, 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 – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Lloyd Larson
All Hail the Risen King! arr. Derek Hakes
The Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING – I Corinthians 15:3-6, 20-26, 51-58 - New Testament page 176 in pew Bible

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
Steadfast and Immovable

THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) See *1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:9 (16:1–9);
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Christ is Alive #108**

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 – On the Third Day Allen Pote

***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 Brother Roger of Taizé

If you were not risen, Lord Christ, to whom would we go to discover a radiance of the face of God? If you were not risen, we would not be together seeking your communion. We would not find in your presence forgiveness, wellspring of a new beginning. If you were not risen, where would we draw the energy for following you right to the end of our existence, for choosing you again and anew? Thank you, Jesus! In Your name we pray. Amen!

***HYMN – Christ the Lord is Risen Today** # 113

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Benediction Response

Thou the Promise Michael Card & Scott Brasher/arr. Tom Fettke

***POSTLUDE - Carillon de Westminster** Louis Vierne

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

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Lay Reader – James M. Potts

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by
Carl Hanna in memory of his wife, Betty; and by
Amy Richel in honor of loved ones.**

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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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**

BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — April 7th, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

A Deacons Fund offering will be received April 8th.

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 next week's 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, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — April 4th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — April 4th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care Center chapel — April 6th, 10:30 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, April 2nd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, April 6th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

HOLLYWOOD C.A.R.E.S —

The next meeting of Hollywood C.A.R.E.S. will be on Thursday, **April 5th**, 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.

MEETINGS —

Staff meeting – April 2nd, Noon, church office

Church Evolution Committee — April 2nd. 6:30 p.m., chapel

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —

Circle 1, April 3rd, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

WORSHIP —

Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, April 8th, during worship.

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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

(Easter festivities with the family take up the day after worship)

Monday – 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 PM to 4:30 PM

(staff meeting takes up the remaining time)

Tuesday – 10 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 4 PM

(preschool walk around and Rotary take up the remaining time.)

Wednesday – 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM

(LC chapels take up the morning)

Friday – 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

(sermon preparation and aftercare chapel 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.

Calendar

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.

Monday, April 2

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church office Noon
- Church Evolution Committee – Chapel 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 4

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 5

- 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.
- Hollywood CARES – Temple Beth El 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6

- A Time of Prayer - Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- After Care Chapel - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Share-A-Meal – Church Kitchen 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 8

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Communion - 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 MEET THE MATCH AND THEN BE PART OF SEEING IT AT WORK!

Each Easter, we launch a special giving campaign to share the new life that Jesus brings. And this year, that campaign, comes with a \$5,000.00 match! That means every dollar you give will be doubled!! Where does this doubled dollar go!

First, half of it goes to fund our on-going ministries that share this new life each week, everything from the new Playground space in the lobby to Good News Kids and weekly worship. The other half goes to two mission causes that have profoundly touched lives for years, here in Hollywood and beyond.

Over 11 years ago, a remarkable Easter giving campaign launched our mission with Temple Beth El to care for HIV orphans in Haiti. Now those children are moving on to college! 25% of your Easter gift will go to continue this powerful ministry. And beyond your gifts, on Sunday, April 29th, you can get in some exercise before worship, and be part of the Second Annual Hollywood Runs for Haiti down on Hollywood Beach. Just go to runsignup.com, and type in the race name in the search box, and help raise more funds for this great cause.

And even as you reach out with God's love to Haiti, next Saturday, April 7th, you can help bring resurrection life right here in Hollywood. 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, which means this coming Saturday, we provide one of those meals. 25% of your Easter gift will go to fund this ministry, a ministry you can join by just showing up this Saturday at 11:30 AM at the church kitchen in our education building. It's that easy!

So, give of your funds. Give of your time. Be part of sharing the light of God's life in Hollywood and beyond! Please give as generously as you can!

A SPECIAL EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITY IS COMING SOON!

For years, we have been fortunate that the 22 priceless stained-glass windows adorning our building have not been damaged or even destroyed by hurricanes. But after the close call of Irma, we have decided that the time has come to protect these windows. And we have discovered that the cost is surprisingly affordable. To install storm shutters comes to only about \$500.00 per window. So, in the coming weeks, we'll be offering the opportunity for folks to join in protecting this beautiful artistic legacy. If you are interested now in making a special gift for this need, please contact the pastor at kennedym@fpcOH.org or at 954-257-6751.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday April 21st

Bring your pet(s) and join us in the Patch
(the site of our famed annual Pumpkin Patch) **anytime**
from 9:30 to 11 AM for a special blessing on that day!

