

Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

May 21, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Light your lamp before night overtakes you.
Greek Proverb

Faith is the great energy. As long as you have faith, you're willing to try to take another chance. God wants you to amble toward the right spot on the horizon. The idea is that you're willing to get up and keep moving toward that light.
Billy Corgan, rock musician

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within.
Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Knowing, Really, Knowing God
Living in the Light

I John 1: 5-7

First Presbyterian Church
1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240
6th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

Director of Music: Dr. Robert Remek

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

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WELCOME — Please date, fill out, and pass the red Friendship Register to your neighbor.

PRELUDE – *Canon of Grace* arr. Linda Lamb
The Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – O Worship the King, all Glorious Above!** **# 476**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from Columbanus, c. 543-615

O Christ, Savior most sweet to us, kindle our lamps, that they may shine continually in your house, constantly receiving light from you, the eternal Light, so that our darkness may be driven from us.

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.**

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL MUSIC – *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Bill Ingram
The Handbell Choir

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 READINGS – I John 1:5-7 (New Testament, Page 238 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) John 1:1-5, 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 were
created through Him, and without Him nothing was created that was
created. In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. The
light shines in darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – I Saw the Light** (Please see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face And the
things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of his glory and grace.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Debtors version) (front of Hymnal, pg. 16)

**Response - Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me; Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

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 – Psalm 139 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 John Henry Newman, 1801-90

**Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood
our souls with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole
beings so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours. Stay
with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to
be a light to others; the light, O Jesus, will be all from you, none of it
will be ours: it will be you, shining on others through us. Let us thus
praise you in the way you love best, by shining on those around us. In
the name of you who are the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Arise, Your Light Is Come!** # 411

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 – Blessed Assurance** arr. Marianne Kim

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Lay Reader – Ellen Yamrick

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Phyllis Phares
in memory of her husband, Harold; her daughter, Patricia Stringer;
and her grandchildren, Michael and Dana.**

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

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: www.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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SATURDAY, May 27th at 4:00 p.m.

The Next Level

an entertaining digital duo

Mary Jo Remek, digital accordion and more

Dr. Robert Remek, keyboards and more

***A free-will offering will be accepted in support of the
First Presbyterian Church Music Fund.***

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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: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcoh/>
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

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

Senior High Youth Group — TODAY, 5:00 p.m. at Starbucks on Young Circle

Boy Scout Troop 420, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — May 24th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — May 24th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — May 26th, 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, May 22nd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, May 26th, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

Staff – May 22nd, Noon, church office

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY —

Sunday, May 28th, 5:00 p.m. at Starbucks on Young Circle

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY —

The Heart Strings Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet **Tuesday, May 23rd** at **2:30 p.m. in the chapel**. Please call Alice at 954-929-5434 with questions and/or requests for shawls.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Share-a-Meal — June 3rd

Ordination and Installation of elders & Deacons — June 11th

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —



Help us Shower the finishing touches on the apartment for the Director of Family Ministries.

Please sign up in the Narthex to donate the following items:

- Shower curtain and rod
- Shower organizer
- Wall mount Microwave (white)
- Wall mount porch light
- Ceiling fan with light for living room
- Ceiling fan with light for bedroom
- 2 bar stools

Please sign up in the Narthex to contribute towards the following items. There is an envelope on the bulletin board where you can place your monetary donation.

Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church” and in the Memo line indicate “apartment.” You can make a general donation, or earmark it towards a specific item(s):

- Kitchen cabinet pulls
- Drawer knobs for kitchen
- Bedroom window treatments
- Living room window treatments
- Kitchen door and window treatment

You may also contact Kathryn Tyahla at 954-921-002 or ktyahla@bellsouth.net to sign up.

Please bring the items to the Narthex or make your donation by June 28.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 21 – Recognition 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.
- Senior High Youth Group – Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church Office 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

- Prayer Shawl Ministry – Chapel 2:30 p.m.
- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Early Learning Center Chapel - West Wing 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 25

- 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, May 26

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

Saturday, May 27

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- The Next Level Concert – Sanctuary 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

- 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.
- Men’s Bible Study – Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

Men's Barbeque & Beers
Saturday, June 10th
Education Building
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A WORD FROM KENNEDY

**WHERE ARE WE ON THE SEARCH FOR OUR
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Last week in this space, I gave an update on our search. As this is such an important position, I wanted to give another opportunity for folks to get this information, and to even expand on what I shared last week. First, let me explain what this person will be doing. Beyond providing support to our ongoing ministries to children and youth, and also helping us integrate more Christian themes in our Learning Center Ministries, their main focus will be reaching out in new and innovative ways to families in our community. This will mean engaging with both church and Learning Center families, but also working to engage with families throughout the whole community.

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Through a variety of means, we have received 27 resumes or inquiries regarding this position. Some of those resumes didn't really make sense for that position. But of those who submitted resumes that seemed relevant, (about 12 folks in all) we asked them to answer a series of questions related to the position. Interviews: These resumes and questionnaires have been and are being reviewed by a Session-appointed search team that includes myself, Karen Martin, Chair of Children and Youth; Helen Cohen, Chair of the Learning Center Board; Cynthia Silvestro, Chair of Personnel; and Fatima Marin, Learning Center Director. Out of all that work, we already have a number of exciting potential candidates. And right now, we are in the process of narrowing down that list to two to four with whom we will have face to face interviews.

We hope that by mid-July we will be in a position to introduce you to this person, who will be the newest member of our church staff. Please keep the search team in your prayers that we will be diligent in discerning the person of God's own choosing for this important role in our church's life.

**THANKS FOR THE GIFTS
FOR THE BANASZAK PATIO!**

Recently we offered opportunities to underwrite the new lighting and door refurbishments that are the final pieces of the renovation of the patio that we have named in honor of Howard and Sarah Lee Banaszak. And a number of you have stepped up, from underwriting one of the five patio doors at \$1000.00, and/or underwriting one of the 7 new wall-mounted lights at \$300.00, or simply giving a gift in some smaller amount in honor of the Banasaks. Thank you so much for these gifts! And if you would like to also give a gift in honor of the Banaszak's at any amount, please feel free to use a pew envelope and write on the front Banaszak. We will let the family know, and your gift will help to defray the costs of these renovations.

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SOME TIPS ON MEDITATION OF SCRIPTURE

The preacher, Tim Keller has five great questions to ask when we look at scripture.

1. **How can I praise or thank God on the basis of this text?**
2. **What in this text convicts me of something wrong in my life?**
3. **If this text is true, what wrong behavior or harmful emotions or false attitudes result in me when I forget this?**
4. **What should I be aspiring to on the basis of this text?**
5. **Why are you telling me this today, God?**

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

(worship, leadership training and youth group take up the whole of this day.)

Monday - 2 to 4:30 PM

(staff and other meetings take up the remainder of the day)

Tuesday - 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 3:30 PM

(Rotary takes up the other part of the day.)

Wednesday - 3:00 to 6 PM

(Chapels and other meetings take up the rest of the day.)

Friday - 9:30 AM to 11 AM and 1 to 3 PM

(Aftercare Chapel and meetings take up the remaining time.)

I Saw The Light

Hank Williams, Sr. (Copyright: Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music)

**I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I was a fool to wander and a-stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

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.