

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

May 7, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

The [Middle Eastern] shepherd always walked ahead of his sheep. He was always out in front. Any attack on the sheep had to take him into account first. Now God is out in front. He is in our tomorrows, and it is tomorrow that fills people with fear. Yet God is already there.

All the tomorrows of our life have to pass through Him before they can get to us.

F.B. Meyer, Streams in the Desert

God has entrusted us with his most precious treasure - people. He asks us to shepherd and mold them into strong disciples, with brave faith and good character.

John Ortberg

A shepherd, in whom the spirit of God works, is more highly esteemed before God than the wisest and most potent in self-wit, without the divine dominion.

Jakob Bohme

~ ~ ~

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

4th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

Director of Music: Dr. Robert Remek

*Please stand if you are able.

CCLI #1836693; CRL034941; CVL503735603

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

PRELUDE - My Lord, What a Morning! arr. Johannes Michel

Ann Stewart, CAGO, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (IN UNISON) Rev. Carol Penner

We come to worship because for us to live is Christ. We live for Christ, we live by Christ, we live with Christ, we live through Christ, we live in Christ. God of grace, let Christ be praised in all we say and do, in all we think and speak, in this hour of worship and in every moment of our lives. Amen.

***HYMN – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord** # 441

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We have no time for rest, or to sit by calm oases of grace, or find the right paths to follow, and so we hurt people with our words and deeds, we turn away from the One who seeks to feed us with goodness and mercy. Let us come to our God, who longs to anoint us with forgiveness, as we offer our prayers, saying,

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Rev. Thom M. Shuman

All: God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather together comfortably, while those whose lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.

Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

All: Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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.**

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

ANTHEM – *Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World* Don Besig

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Nathan Williams

Risen Christ,
you opened the scriptures to your disciples
and made their hearts burn within them.
Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts,
so we might recognize you once again
in these words of scripture,
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Elder Carlos R. Fernandez

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Psalm 23 (Old Testament, Page 501 in pew Bible)
John 10:7-18 (New Testament, Page 103 in pew Bible)

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – The King of Love My Shepherd Is # 171**

THIS WE BELIEVE Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2007)

Leader: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;

ALL: This is true: for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

ALL: This is true: I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

ALL: This is true: for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

ALL: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

Leader: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

ALL: This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams.

Leader: It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

ALL: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

The anthem is a prayer. Please, no applause.

Offertory Anthem – *Jesus Led Me All the Way* Stan Pethel

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)** Rev. Carol Penner

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.
All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering
as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort
to all the world, Amen.**

OFFERING OF PRAYER

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.**

Leader: *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care. (Psalm 95:6,7)*

Leader: Good Shepherd, within your embrace we are safe and secure. Within your
embrace, we know that we are precious in your sight. Within your embrace,
we feel the warmth of family and belonging. Within your embrace, we grow
and are nurtured together as one flock, the people of your pasture under
your loving care and protection.

Come, let us bow down

All: Before the LORD our Maker

Leader: Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find comfort and healing. We bring
to you those who are weak, or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual
health. You are the great healer, and we pray for healing of mind and body
for those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

Come, let us bow down

All: Before the LORD our Maker

Leader: Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find justice. We bring to you
the brave voices who cry out for freedom, those prepared to stand up
and be heard without counting the cost. We pray for those who have
been imprisoned or tortured for their race, color, caste or faith. For
all Christians who have taken up the Cross and know its weight and
pain.

Come, let us bow down

All: Before the LORD our Maker

Leader: Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find peace. We bring to you
those orphaned, crippled or dispossessed by war, for refugees wandering
this earth in search of a home, for all victims of strife and warfare, and
for all those who have dedicated their lives for the search for peace and
reconciliation.

Come, let us bow down

All: Before the LORD our Maker

Leader: *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)*

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

*And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray: **Our Father...***

**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.**

***HYMN – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** # 387

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Loving God, we are the sheep of your hand, the people of your pasture. You know us;
we are yours. You call us; we listen for your voice. Protect us from false leaders and
hired hands who would seek to snatch us from safety. Keep us in the security of your
fold and unite us with your people in all the earth. By your Spirit, make us one flock,
one people; through the one who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, the good shepherd.

***POSTLUDE** - *Grand Choer* Theodore Dubois

~ ~ ~

Lay Reader – Ellen Yamrick

~ ~ ~

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Louise Hardenburg
in memory of her husband, Chet.**

**The flowers in the narthex are given by Linda Cady:
Happy Birthday, Douglas!**

~ ~ ~

We welcome to the pulpit today Carlos Fernández. Carlos is an ordained ruling elder and deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, FL., as well as an inquirer for ordination. He is a faculty librarian at Florida International University where he manages the university's United Nations and European Union's depositories. He has master degrees in theology and library science and anticipates completing his Master of Divinity by 2020.

~ ~ ~

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.

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 —

Boy Scout Troop 420, May 9th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible — Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., chapel – A study focusing on the scripture of the day. **Breakfast and the Bible will return on May 14th.**

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, May 8th: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 12th, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

Learning Center Board – May 10th, 4:00 p.m., chapel

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Deborah Circle — May 8th, 11:30 a.m., in the chapel

Kononia Circle — May 13th, 10:00 a.m., in the home of Hilde Cottingham.

Help us Shower the finishing touches on the apartment for the Director of Family Ministries. Keep your eyes open for further information regarding items needed for the apartment and items needing monetary donations. Let's put the finishing touches on the apartment for the future new member of our church family.

Worship

Sunday, May 14th, Communion will be celebrated during worship.

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 21st — Recognition Sunday
May 21st and June 4th — Officer Training

~ ~ ~

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7

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, May 8

A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Deborah Circle – Chapel 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 9

Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

Learning Center Board – Chapel 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

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 12

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

Saturday, May 13

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Kononia Circle – in the home of Hilde Cottingham 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 14 – Mothers’ Day

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

THANKS CARLOS!

Today, while I am away visiting with my wife’s family in Quebec, once again, Elder Carlos Fernandez has stepped up to lead worship. For those who don’t know, Carlos, even as he is a full-time faculty librarian at FIU, is also preparing for ordination as a Presbyterian pastor. In addition, Carlos also oversees, as Chair of this church’s Facilities Team, the sizable needs of our church campus. Thanks, Carlos, for all that you do to serve Christ among us, and particularly for taking on the task of sharing the Word with us in worship.

WHAT A GREAT SUNDAY!

Last Sunday, what a wonderful time we had celebrating the dedication of our patio, in honor of two remarkable servants of Christ in this congregation, **Howard and Sarah Lee Banaszak**. Thanks to **Judy Gensel**, who got the cake, and to **Amy Richel and Betty Hanna**, who provided the sandwiches. And thanks to **Carlos Fernandez, Bob Roddy, Steven Silvestro, Charles Adams, and Linda Cady** who each worked in various ways with the on-going as well as completed renovations to this patio area over the last year.

Recently we added new lighting to this area, and work will soon begin on the renovation of the sliding doors. Many of those improvements have already been underwritten by folks’ generosity. But we have opportunities to underwrite the new lighting and door refurbishments that are the final pieces of this patio renovation. For a gift of \$1,000.00, you can underwrite one of the five patio sliding doors, and for a gift of \$300.00 you can underwrite one of the 7 new wall-mounted lights. Finally for a gift of \$150.00, you can underwrite one of the two ceiling lights. If you would like to give a gift in honor of the Banaszak’s for these needs 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. (continued)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SHOWED UP AT THE CIRCLE!**

Last Sunday, our church and Learning Center together took a booth at **Sunday in the Park**, a big culinary festival sponsored by Hollywood's Chamber of Commerce. Our summer camp director, **Pilar Causey**, put together a wonderful food offering of our own. We filled cones and cone cups with a variety of delicious fresh fruit, priced to make it one of the best bargains on the Circle. It was a huge hit, drawing hundreds of folks to our booth. We handed out our new church brochure, and advertised our Learning Center ministries, including our upcoming summer camp. Thanks to the many of you who stopped by to say hello. It was a great time, and a great way to share the good news of what God is doing among us with our neighbors in Hollywood!

Concert flyer

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 through Wednesday

I am away for visits with family.

Thursday – This is my day off,

but you're welcome to come out to the Rotary auction at 5:30 PM

and visit me there, where I will be serving as an auctioneer. 😊

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

(Aftercare Chapel and meetings 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.