

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

June 25, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

It's hard to fight an enemy that has outposts in your head.

*Sally Kempton, as quoted in Esquire magazine, 1970,
and then in Grace, Eventually by Anne Lamott*

The banality of guilt is that it is such a convenient substitute

**for responsibility. It's so much easier to
beat your breast than to stick your neck out.**

William Sloan Coffin

**You must accept that fear is not only harmful but evil,
not only unhelpful but deeply destructive.**

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach

**Of all the liars in the world,
sometimes the worst are your own fears.**

Rudyard Kipling, Writer

Knowing, Really, Knowing God

Trusting the Freedom Jesus Brings

I John 2:1-6

First Presbyterian Church
1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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 – *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Charity Book Putnam

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – **How Firm a Foundation** **# 361**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from Thomas Wilson (1663-1755)

Grant, O God, that amidst all the discouragements, difficulties, dangers, distress and darkness of this mortal life, we may depend upon your mercy and on this build our hopes, as on a sure foundation. Forgive us for when we doubt your love for us, and lose touch with that love in our lives. Let your infinite mercy in Christ Jesus deliver us from fear and despair, both now and at the hour of our death. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. 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

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

ANTHEM – *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* Austin Lovelace

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 2:1–6 (New Testament, Page 239 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

Knowing, Really Knowing God
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THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) 2 Corinthians 2:17, NRSV

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has
passed away; see, everything has become new!**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Here is Love** (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 – I Lift Up My Soul Eugene Englert
Ken Benoit, tenor Mary Sylvestro, flute

***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. Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253

**Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast won
for us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother, may I know you more clearly, love you
more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Take My Life** **# 391**

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 – Rondeau** Jean-Joseph Mouret

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Lay Reader – Dorothy Olive

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by
Polly Jenness in memory of loved ones.**

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

BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — July 1st, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

Deacons Fund offering — July 2nd

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), our Sunday school for children ages 4-10, **is off for the summer, and will return in September.** Today, children will stay with their parents during worship.

Boy Scout Troop 420, June 27th, 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, **will not meet on July 2nd.** The Bible study will return on July 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, June 26th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Friday, June 30th, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY —

The next Bible Study will be July 9th, 5:00 p.m. at Starbucks on Young Circle

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY —

The Heart Strings Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet **Tuesday, June 27th**
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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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 4 PM – (Bible study and worship take up the remaining time.)

Monday – 9:30 - 11:30 AM and 2 to 4:30 PM (staff meeting takes up the rest of the day)

Tuesday – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Wednesday – 10 AM to 5 PM

Friday – 9:30 AM to 12 PM (sermon finalization takes 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Thursday, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 2

- Worship - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

INTRODUCING JAMES MONROE POTTS, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

This past Monday, based upon the unanimous recommendation of the Search Team, the Session also unanimously voted to hire James Monroe Potts as our first Director of Family Ministries.

Here are some interesting facts about James, who will be joining our staff on July 15th:

- James was born and raised in Danville, Illinois, the same small town where our own Marilyn McIntosh was born.
- James grew up in an independent Baptist congregation, but chose as an adult to become a Presbyterian.
- For many years, James worked in retail management prior to attending McCormick Seminary in Chicago
- James is a consummate pianist, and even served as an interim church organist for his home church in Danville.
- James has extensive experience working with children from working in a child-care center, to serving as a Presbyterian mission worker in an after-school program in inner-city Chicago.
- Here are some of the words with which James' references described him, "easy to like, fearless, passionate, gifted, a live wire, sensitive and strong, well-organized, and has a great sense of joy.

After reviewing over 30 resumes, studying the responses to written questions from roughly ten of those candidates, conducting 5 phone and 3 face to face interviews with those candidates, James consistently rose to the top of our list. We look forward to each of you getting to know James after he moves to South Florida. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes this step forward in ministry.

Here is Love

William Rees & William Williams/ Robert Lowry

**Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love.**

**Let me all thy love accepting, Love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only. And my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory, Nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.**

**In Thy truth Thou dost direct me By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting, As I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness thou art pouring Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, Drawing out my heart to Thee.**