

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

August 27, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

People have succeeded in accumulating a greater mass of objects,
but the joy in the world has grown less.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

That's the world in which we live: we *sell what nobody needs*.
But the problem of the human hearts is: we *need what nobody sells*.

John Ortberg

Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it.
....If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things.
Once you perceive it, you will begin to understand it better every day.
And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.

Father Zossima, The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Perhaps the world little notes nor long remembers
individual acts of kindness — but people do.

Herm Albright

Knowing, Really, Knowing God
Loving the World

I John 2:15-17

First Presbyterian Church
1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240
12th 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 – *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* arr. Tedd Smith

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – **All Things Bright and Beautiful** **# 267**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from David Adam

Lord, we are poured out; we come to you for renewal. Lord, we are weary; we come to you for refreshment. Lord, we are worn; we come to you for restoration. Lord, we are lost; we come to you for guidance. Lord we are troubled; we come to you for peace. Lord, we are lonely, we come to you for love. Come Lord, come revive us; come reshape us; come mold us in your image. Recast us in the furnace of your love. In the name of Jesus who loves us so, 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.
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

DUET – Medley: *I Need Thee Every Hour/The Old Rugged Cross/Sweet Hour of Prayer*
Kay Hall, soprano Robert Remek, baritone

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 2:15-17 (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) John 3:16-17, NRSV
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples** #434

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 Duet – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* William Runyan/arr. Lloyd Larson
Kay Hall, soprano Robert Remek, baritone

***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.

***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** Adapted from The Roman Missal

Father in heaven, form in us the likeness of your Son and deepen his life within us. Send us as witnesses of gospel joy into a world of fragile peace and broken promises; and touch the hearts of all with your love that they in turn may love one another. In the name of Jesus, who loved us first, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN – I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me # 369**

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 – *Fugue in C Major (Jig Fugue)* Dietrich Buxtehude**

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Lay Reader – David Lindstrom

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by
John & Uwa Alexis in memory of loved ones.**

WELCOME VISITORS!

**Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio for juice, coffee, and
cake as we honor all our teachers.**

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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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

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BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — September 2nd, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

Deacons Fund offering — September 3rd

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. Today, children will stay with their parents during worship.

Boy Scout Troop 420, August 29th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

GNK TEACHERS Bible Study and Training — following worship, TODAY,
3rd floor of education building

GNK OPEN HOUSE — Sunday, September 10th, 10 a.m.

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, **August 28th**: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, **September 1st**: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MUSIC MINISTRY —

Choir rehearsals will begin on **Thursday, August 31st**:

Westminster Choir at 5:15 p.m. Westminster Ringers at 6:30 p.m.

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LOOKING AHEAD.....

Good News Kidz Open House

Sunday, September 10th, 10:00am – 12:30 p.m.

Men's Barbeque & Beers

Sunday, September 17th, 4:00 p.m.

Newcomer Class

Sunday, September 24th, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27 – Blessings of the Backpacks

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Reception honoring Teachers – Patio following worship
GNK Teachers – 3rd floor of education building following reception
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Youth Group – at Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

Thursday, August 31

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, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
Worship – Communion - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Bold Justice House Party Kick-off
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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 4:00 PM

(Bible study and worship take up the remaining time.)

Monday – 9 AM to 11:00 AM and 2:00 to 7:00 PM

(staff meeting takes up the remaining time.)

Tuesday – 9 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:30 to 3:00 PM

(Rotary and VBS chapel take up the remaining time.)

Wednesday – 9 AM to 7 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.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

IT'S TIME TO BLESS!

For the last several weeks, people have been collecting school supplies for kids in need at our partner school, Hollywood Central Elementary. Now, as we send them on, we'll be blessing them, asking that God will use them as messages of God's love to the children and families who will receive them. But we're not stopping there! We have also invited any of the kids present to bring their backpacks, lunch boxes, or anything else they would like to have blessed to join us up front and we'll bless all of that. But then, we still have more blessing to do! We're also going to bless all the teachers and staff present with us today: from Hollywood Central, from our own Learning Center Ministries, and from our own Good News Kidz Sunday morning ministry. As we do all that blessing, I hope that you'll experience blessing, too. God has put this family of faith to do one thing above all - to bring the blessings of Jesus' amazing and transforming love to our neighbors, to our community, to our entire world. May that love bless you as you gather with us on this blessing Sunday!

BARBECUE AND BEERS RETURNS ON THE 17TH!

One of our awesome events for men, Barbecue and Beers, returns on Sunday, September 17th. Come on out at 4 PM as we check out the Dolphins-Chargers game, enjoy some fine brews (along with other beverages), and some fine grilled meats and fixings! Bring a few bucks to help defray the costs, or a dish or six-pack to share, and let's get ready to hang. Sign-up flyers are available on the patio following worship. Give us your e-mail, and we will put you on the mailing list for more details on where we'll be having the party!

THANKS FOR THE STUDY LEAVE!

For the past two weeks, I have been away for my annual study leave, to prepare my sermon plans for the next year and do extensive independent study. If you'd like to know what you'll hear from the pulpit in the coming months, and what I was reading over those two weeks, just e-mail me at kennedym@fpcoh.org, and I'll send you the plan and report.

House Meeting Sign-up

Come out in September and get to know your neighbors in the pew.

At the same time,
share your hopes and concerns for our church and community!

Let's come together to build more connection and community in our midst!

See below to sign up for the house meeting currently scheduled –
and check future Sunday bulletins for additional meetings.

Just provide your contact information,
and Louise will call you with the details.

Wednesday, August 30th
Louise Hardenburg hosts in her home.

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

(for 9/3)

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