

Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

August 6, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**I have the right to be loved
no matter how I respond to the gospel message.**
Dave Burchett, When Bad Christians Happen to Good People

**If your gospel isn't touching others,
it hasn't touched you.**
Curry R. Blake

**What distortion of the gospel it is
to have limited sympathies and unlimited certainties,
when the very reverse –
to have limited certainties and unlimited sympathies –
is not only more tolerant but far more Christian.**
William Sloan Coffin

**Knowing, Really, Knowing God
*Living in Truth and Love***

I John 2:9-11

The First Presbyterian Church
1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
August 6, 2017
Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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***Please stand if you are able. Please, no applause during the worship service**

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

PRELUDE - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** # 142

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from John L. Bell

Lord, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together; confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you. In the name of Jesus who offered up everything for us, 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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

DUET – Shall We Gather at the River Robert Lowry
Paul Lewis, baritone, and Amy Richel, alto

Congregation: (FINAL REFRAIN only)

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

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 READING – I John 2:9-11 (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 8:12, 31-32a, NRSV

**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life....If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Amazing Grace** **#280**

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 Solo – Take, Lord, Receive John Foley
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. Amen.**

***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** Adapted from Janet Morley

**God our lover, in whose arms we are held, and by whose passion we are
known: require of us also that love which is filled with longing, delights
in the truth, and costs not less than everything, through Jesus Christ we
pray. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***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 - *Joyful Praise* Eugene Butler**

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

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LAY READER – Judy Gensel

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Richard Rodriguez
in memory of his grandparents.**

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.
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org >**

BOARD OF DEACONS —

A Deacons Fund offering will be received today.

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 September 10th. Today, children will stay with their parents during worship.

Boy Scout Troop 420, August 8th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible will not meet August 13th or 20th.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, August 7th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, August 11th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Worship Committee, August 9th, 5:00 p.m., chapel

Team of Chairs 2017 – 2018 Calendar Planning, August 9th, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Leadership Summit, August 10th & 11th, 9:30 am – 5:30 p.m., Community of Hope Church, Loxahatchee

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LOOKING AHEAD.....

**Back-to-School Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

- Worship Committee – Chapel 5:00 p.m.
- Team of Chairs Calendar Planning – Chapel 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 10

- Leadership Summit – Community of Hope - Loxahatchee 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, August 11

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Leadership Summit – Community of Hope - Loxahatchee 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 12

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 13

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

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

MY ANNUAL MINI-SABBATICAL BEGINS THIS WEEK

Each year, I take two weeks away to do two major things: first, prepare my sermon plan for the coming 12 to 15 months, and second, to take time for focused reading, reflection and prayer. This year, during this time, I will be still be in town, but will be largely away from the office (with the exception of the worship team and calendar planning meetings this coming Wednesday). In addition, I will be joining our church staff for the annual Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit this coming Thursday and Friday, which will be simulcast to a church in Palm Beach. I have also prepared an array of books to read (far more than I can likely read, but hope springs eternal 😊).

As I enter this time, I would ask for your prayers that God would lead me as I discern what messages God is calling me to share in the coming months, and as I reflect on how I can be a more effective leader and pastor to this church family. I will prepare a report to the Elders on how I used this time away which will also include my sermon plans. If you would like to receive that report, just call or e-mail the church office, and as soon as it is ready, I will send it to you.

AND DON'T FORGET! IT IS SCHOOL SUPPLIES TIME, AND THIS WEEKEND, IT IS TAX FREE!

Check out the bulletin this week for a school supplies' list that you can take with you to the stores to provide for children in need at our partner school, Hollywood Central. About half of the children at this school find themselves at or below the poverty line, and when we step up with these school supplies, we ensure that all those kids will enter school with what they need to succeed. More crucially, we show them that God cares for them, that God has not forgotten them or their families. And if you do your shopping next weekend, the state will reward your generosity with making your buying tax-free. So please do what you can to help these kids. Just bring the school supplies you've purchased into worship or drop them by the church office, and then we will present them to Hollywood Central on our teacher recognition Sunday later in August.

KENNEDY IS AWAY THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK FOR STUDY LEAVE

See his weekly column for more information.