

**Welcome!**

**We are so glad you are here.**

**September 17, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.**

**A lie goes halfway round the world  
before the truth can get its pants on.**

*Winston Churchill*

**Truth exists; only falsehood has to be invented.**

*Georges Braque, Painter*

**The most casual student of history knows that,  
as a matter of fact, truth does not necessarily vanquish...  
Truth does not carry within itself an antidote to falsehood.**

**The cause of truth must be championed,  
and it must be championed dynamically.**

*William F. Buckley Jr., Journalist*

**O God, help me to believe the truth about myself  
no matter how beautiful it is!**

*Macrina Wiederkehr*

**Living into the Joy of Being a Child  
*The Truth Vs. the Lie***

**I John 2:18-23**

**First Presbyterian Church**

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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** – *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN** – **When in Our Music God Is Glorified** . . . . . **# 264**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON)** . . . . . Adapted from Lancelot Andrewes, 1555-1626

Lord, complete in us all that is lacking of your gifts: of faith, to increase it; of hope, to strengthen it; of love to rekindle it: and make us fear one thing only — that we should honor anything more than you, our Father, our Savior, and our Lord. In Jesus' name 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**

**NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ANTHEM** – *How Can I Keep from Singing?* . . . . . Robert Lowry/arr. Craig Courtney

**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 2:18-23 (New Testament, Page 239 in pew Bible)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

**Living into the Joy of Being a Child  
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**THIS WE BELIEVE** (in unison) ..... Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Jesus Loves Me** ..... #304

**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 – A Hymn of Praise to the Creator** ..... Eric Thiman

**\*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 Brother Roger of Taizé

**O Christ, tirelessly you seek out those who are looking for you and who think that you are far away; teach us, at every moment, to place our spirits in your hands. While we still are looking for you, already you have found us. However poor our prayer, you hear us far more than we can imagine or believe. May we live in the assurance of that seeking and listening love. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – Hear the Good News of Salvation** ..... # 355

**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 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** ..... Dale Wood  
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**Lay Reader – Kathryn Tyahla**  
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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the  
Adam Black family in memory of Tom Black.**

**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: [fpcoh.org](http://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.

**Due to Hurricane Irma, the Open House originally scheduled for this morning has been postponed.**

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### **OPPORTUNITIES**

**The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.  
Please check our website: [fpcoh.org](http://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](mailto:landerson@fpcoh.org)**

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**Good News Kidz (GNK), our Sunday school for children ages 4-10, will return next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Today, children will stay with their parents during worship.**

**Senior High Youth Group — TODAY, Starbucks on Young Circle**

**Boy Scout Troop 420, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building**

**Learning Center chapel — September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary**

**After Care chapel — September 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.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, **September 11<sup>th</sup>**: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, **September 15<sup>th</sup>**: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

### **MEETINGS —**

**Staff meeting, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Noon, church office**

**Worship Committee, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., chapel**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE — September 15<sup>th</sup> for the October 2017 edition**

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —**

**Please join Circle 1 on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Patron Azteca Mexican Restaurant (5181 Sheridan Street) for Taco Tuesday. Please RSVP to Kathryn at 954-444-6492.**

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**LOOKING AHEAD.....**

**Men's Barbeque & Beers** - Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.

**Newcomer Class** - Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Multicultural Food Covered Dish lunch** - Sunday, October 1, following worship

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 17**

- 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.
- Youth Group – at Starbucks on Young Circle ..... 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 18**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m. – Noon Staff meeting – Church office ..... Noon
- Worship Committee – Chapel ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 19**

- Circle 1 - 5181 Sheridan Street ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 20**

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, September 21**

- 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 22**

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

**Saturday, September 23**

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

**Sunday, September 24**

- 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.
- Men's Barbeque – TBA ..... 4:00 p. m.

## A WORD FROM FIDEL AND KENNEDY

### A Word on the Storm

As I write this, we are battening down the hatches at the church, and I am sending Chantal and Patrick off for an impromptu visit to the grandparents in Georgia. But I will be staying throughout whatever happens with Irma, though I am praying and hoping for the best. For all who need it, here is my mobile number 954-257-6751. Hopefully you will be seeing this column in worship on Sunday, and we will be giving thanks to God for avoiding the worst of Irma. But whatever the case, God will still be with us. With that in mind, I share these words from a colleague, Fidel Gomez, campus pastor at Calvary Chapel, Hollywood, with a little editing for brevity:

I was thinking about the storm that the disciples faced in Matthew 8:24-26.....The Scriptures say..

*“Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” These worried men were the **A**postles. They weren’t the **B**postles, These were the main guys that followed Jesus and yet, even with Jesus in their midst, they were afraid. But Jesus had said, “We’re going over.” He hadn’t said, “We’re going under.” So, Jesus, knowing that all would be ok and believing that his disciples were ready for a storm of this magnitude, went to sleep. It seemed as though Jesus had faith in them; did they have faith in Him???*

Jesus is troubled, concerned, disturbed, and uneasy. Over the storm?? Absolutely not!!!! Jesus said “*You of little faith, why are you so afraid?*” **Then** “*he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.*” .... First, Jesus addressed their lack of faith, “*You of little faith.*” **Then**, after addressing their lack of faith which, seems to be of greater concern to Jesus than the storm, **then** He focused on the storm.

Fidel brings some wise words. Yes, please prepare for the storm, and stay safe. But remember who is Lord of the storm. As Ralph Waldo Emerson put it:

**The wise person in the storm prays to God, not for safety from danger, but deliverance from fear. It is storm within that endangers, not the storm without.**

**You will be in my prayers, and if you need help or just a prayer, please don’t hesitate to call.**