

Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

September 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

All desire peace, but very few desire those things that make for peace.

Thomas 'A Kempis

When we do not desire the things of this world for their own sake,
we become able to see them as they are. We see at once their goodness
and their purpose, and we become able to appreciate them as never before.

Thomas Merton, No Man Is An Island

I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do,
because I know it always coincides with their own desires.

Susan B. Anthony

The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins.
All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual: the pleasure of putting other
people in the wrong, of bossing and patronizing and spoiling sport, and
back-biting; the pleasure of power, and hatred....Thus a cold self-righteous prig
who goes regularly to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute.

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Knowing, Really, Knowing God
The Danger of Desire

I John 2:15-17

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
September 3, 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 - *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – Come, Thou Almighty King** **# 139**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from Nicolas von Flue, 1417-87

O Lord our God, take away from us all that blocks our way to you; give us all that speeds us towards you; rescue us from ourselves that you might free us to give all that we are to you. In the name of the One who gave all for us. 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

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SOLO – Give Me Thy Heart William Kirkpatrick
Paul Lewis, 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 READING – I John 2:15-17 (New Testament, Page 239 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Philippians 2:3-11

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace** (tune O Waly Waly) . . **#374**

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 Solo – Consecration John Ness Beck
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 Angela Ashwin,
Lay canon, Newcastle Cathedral

Stay at the center of our souls, O God; be in our longing and hurting; be in our hoping and emptiness; be in our eyes and lips and hearts so that our desire to be true to you and to ourselves may prevail over everything else. In Jesus' name 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 - *Christ for the World We Sing* arr. Rex Koury
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**Visitors, following worship please join us on the patio for coffee and juice.
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**LAY READER – Joseph Moniz
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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Linda Krysiak, in memory of
her mother, Mildred Pohle, and her husband, Ed.
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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 >**

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The church and Learning Center offices will be closed tomorrow, September 4th, for the Labor Day holiday.

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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.

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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, September 5th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

GNK OPEN HOUSE — NEXT Sunday, September 10th, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.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

Friday, September 8th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

Presbytery of Tropical Florida, September 9th, 9:30 am, First Presbyterian Church of Pompano, (The Pink Church), 2331 NE 26th Ave, 954-941-2308.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Please join **Circle I on Tuesday, September 12th** 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.....

Good News Kidz Open House
Sunday, September 10, 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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3

- 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, September 4 – Labor Day

Church and Learning Center offices closed

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

- 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 8

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

Saturday, September 9

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Presbytery of Tropical Florida – 1st Pres./Pompano 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 10 – GNK Open House

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) OPEN HOUSE - 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.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THE PEW!

Do you really know the folks you worship with each week? Often, we think we know folks in worship simply because we find their faces familiar. But do you know where they work or where they live? Do you know their interests, what they like to do, all the other details that indicate you actually know someone? So that's why each month in September we give you a chance to get to know these neighbors in the pews through our House Meeting campaign. It kicked off last Wednesday with a house meeting at Louise Hardenburg's house, and it continues with two more house meetings — one hosted by Leslie Young, and the other by James Potts. Beyond getting to know each other better, we are structuring these house meetings to give you a chance to share what are your hopes and dreams for yourself, and for this community of which we are part.

Your sharing will also have a larger purpose. The concerns you lifted up will be shared with our sister churches in our partnership with Bold Justice as we look for ways to address those concerns, and make our community of Broward County a better place for all. We'll even give you a chance to get involved in working not only with your neighbors in the pew at First Church, but your neighbors in other churches, to solve these problems. So make time to join a House Meeting in September! Let's get to know our neighbors, the ones right in the pews beside us each 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. Give us your e-mail in the bulletin insert, and we will put you on the mailing list for more details on where we'll be having the party!

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, worship and youth take up the remaining time.)

Monday – Off for Labor Day

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

(Rotary takes up the remaining time)

Wednesday – 1 PM to 7 PM

(Learning Center chapels and lunch take up the remaining time)

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.

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 meetings currently scheduled –
and check future Sunday bulletins for additional meetings.

Just provide your contact information,
and Leslie or James will call you with the details.

Wednesday, September 20th, 7:00 p.m.

James Potts hosts in his home.

Thursday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Leslie Young hosts in her home. (Limited space available)

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Phone # _____

E-mail _____