

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

May 14, 2017

Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

May 14, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**The tragedy of modern man is not that he knows
less and less about the meaning of his own life,
but that it bothers him less and less.**

Vaclav Havel, Letters to Olga

**Nature and self have beauty because they participate in and express
the presence of the one who is beautiful to know, the one
whose fiery passion creates, sustains and welcomes everything.**

John O'Donohue

There is a difference between knowing the path and walking the path.

Morpheus, in the film, The Matrix

To know much and taste nothing – of what use is that?

Bonaventure

**Knowing, Really, Knowing God
Communing with God**

I John 1: 1-4

***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 - *Heavenly Sunlight* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – For the Beauty of the Earth** **# 473**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from Boethius, c. 480-524

**O Father, give our spirits power to climb to the fountain of all light, and be
purified from all that separate us from your love and beauty. Break through
the mists of earth, the weight of clay. Shine forth in splendor, you who are
calm weather, and quiet resting place for faithful souls. You carry us, and
you go before; you are the journey, and the journey's end. In Jesus' name,
the Light of the world, 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.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

ANTHEM – Alleluia Canon W. A. Mozart/arr. Patrick Liebergen
Mary Silvestro, flute

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 1:1-4 (New Testament, Page 238 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
**Knowing, Really Knowing God
Communing with God**

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Revelation 3:20, NRSV

**Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open
the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – What a Friend We Have in Jesus** #403

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 Anthem – A Mother’s Love Boyd Bacon

***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 Julian of Norwich (1342-1413)

**God, of your goodness, give us yourself, for you are sufficient for us. To be
worthy of you we cannot ask for anything less. If we were to ask less, we should
always be in want, for in you alone for we have all. 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 - Chant Héroïque** George Blake

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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: fpcnh.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.

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

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LAY READER – Dorothy Olive

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Peggy Black
in memory of her husband, Tom.**

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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CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

The Good News Kidz (GNK), our Sunday program for children ages 4-10, 10 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop 420, May 16th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — May 17th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — May 17th 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — May 19th, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary

Senior High Youth Group — May 21st, 5 p.m., Starbucks on Young Circle

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, May 15th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, May 19th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff meeting, May 15th, 12:30 p.m., church office

Team of Chairs, May 15th, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Session, May 15th, 7:00 p.m., chapel

Presbytery of Tropical Florida, May 20th, 9:30 a.m., First Presbyterian of Ft. Lauderdale

MEN'S GROUP —

Men's Bible Study, Sunday, May 28th, 5:00 p.m. at the Starbucks on Young Circle

**Men's Barbecue and Beers, Saturday, June 10th, time TBA. The group will also work
on refurbishing the 3rd floor apartment in the education building in preparation for the
Director of Family Ministries.**

NEWSLETTER —

The deadline for the Summer 2017 (June/July/August) issue: May 15th

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

**Help us Shower the finishing touches on the apartment for the
Director of Family Ministries. Keep your eyes open for further
information regarding items needed for the apartment and items
needing monetary donations. Let's put the finishing touches on the
apartment for the future new member of our church family.**

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Recognition Sunday – May 21st

Officer Training – June 4th

Ordination and Installation of Officers – June 11th

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!

concert

Sunday – 3 to 4 PM and 7 to 8 PM

(worship, Mother's Day festivities, and youth group take up the remaining time.)

Monday – 2 to 4 PM

(staff and other meetings take up the remainder of the day)

Tuesday – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 3:30 PM

(Rotary takes up the other part of the day.)

Wednesday – 12 to 4 PM

(Chapels and other meetings take up the remainder of the day.)

Friday – 9:30 AM to 11 AM and 1 to 3 PM

(Aftercare Chapel and meetings take 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, May 14 – Mother’s Day – Blanket Sunday

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
Worship – Communion - 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.

Monday, May 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Staff meeting – Church Office 12:30 p.m.
Team of Chairs – Chapel 6:00 p.m.
Session – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Early Learning Center Chapel - West Wing 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 18

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, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Presbyterian of Tropical Florida – First Pres. Ft. Lauderdale 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 21 – Recognition Sunday

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.
Senior High Youth Group – Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

UPDATE ON THE SEARCH FOR OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

We are moving closer to finding exactly the person that God has called to this important role that will enable us to reach out and minister to families in our church and community in so many new and exciting ways. Beyond circulating the position on many college, university and seminary job placement sites, we have also used Zip Recruiter, to make sure that we had a strong pool of candidates. For each candidate that made it past our initial screening process, we sent a questionnaire to assess their desire for the job, and their suitability for the work. These resumes and questionnaires have been and are being reviewed by a Session appointed search team that includes Karen Martin, Chair of Children and youth; Helen Cohen, chair of the Learning Center Board; Cynthia Silvestro, Chair of Personnel; Fatima Marin, Learning Center Director; and myself.

Out of all that work, we already have several exciting potential candidates. And we have already moved with a number of candidates to scheduling phone interviews, and look forward to setting up face-to-face meetings in the next two to four weeks. We hope that by mid-July, if not sooner, we will be in a position to introduce you to this person, who will be the newest member of our church staff. Please keep the search team in your prayers, that we will be diligent in discerning the person of God’s own choosing for this important role in our church’s life.

GIFTS FOR THE BANASZAK PATIO

As we have noted before, we have made, or are making, several improvements to the Banaszak Patio. Many of those improvements have already been underwritten by folks’ generosity. But we have opportunities to underwrite the new lighting and sliding door refurbishments that are the final pieces of this patio renovation. For a gift of \$1,000.00, you can underwrite one of the five patio sliding doors, and for a gift of \$300.00 you can underwrite one of the 7 new wall-mounted lights. Finally for a gift of \$150.00, you can underwrite one of the two ceiling lights. If you would like to give a gift in honor of the Banaszak’s for these needs at any amount, please feel free to use a pew envelope and write on the front Banaszak. We will let the family know, and your gift will help to defray the costs of these renovations.