

Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

May 28, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Self absorption is the root of all pathology
Anonymous

Let us weigh the gain and the loss, in wagering that God is.
Consider these alternatives - if you win, you will all; if you lose,
you lose nothing. Do not hesitate, then, to wager, that he is.
Blaise Pascal

Our God has now become our servant to wait on our will.
“The Lord is *my shepherd*,” we say, instead of, “*The Lord* is my shepherd,
and the difference is as wide as the world.
A.W. Tozer, Born After Midnight

Knowing, Really, Knowing God
Living in the Light

I John 1: 5-10

First Presbyterian Church
1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240
7th Sunday of Easter

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 – *Battle Hymn of the Republic* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – God of Grace and God of Glory** **# 420**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Prayer from Africa

**O Father God, we cannot fight this darkness by beating it with our hands.
Help us to take the light of Christ right into it. In your name, Christ
who are 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.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

ANTHEM – *If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments* Eugene Butler

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 1:5-10 (New Testament, Page 238 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Knowing, Really Knowing God
Living in the Light

THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Be Thou My Vision # 339**

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 – Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. Peter Wilhousky

***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 St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

O God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you; Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN – O Beautiful for Spacious Skies # 564**

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 – Fantasia on “America the Beautiful”** Rex Koury

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Lay Reader – Zak Myers

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ellen Yamrick in memory of loved ones.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

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

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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The church and Learning Centers offices will be closed Monday, May 29th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

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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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

Good News Kidz (GNK) — (Sunday school for children ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary

Boy Scout Troop 420, May 30th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center Chapel — May 31st, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — May 31st, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

Senior High Youth Group — June 4th, 5:00 p.m. at Starbucks on Young Circle

BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — June 3rd, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

Deacons Fund offering — June 4th

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.

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, June 2nd, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY —

TODAY, 5:00 p.m. at Starbucks on Young Circle

LOOKING AHEAD:

Ordination and Installation of elders & Deacons — June 11th



Help us Shower the finishing touches on the apartment for the Director of Family Ministries.

Please sign up in the Narthex to donate the following items:

- Shower curtain and rod
- Shower organizer
- Wall mount Microwave (white)
- Wall mount porch light
- Ceiling fan with light for living room
- Ceiling fan with light for bedroom
- 2 bar stools

Please sign up in the Narthex to contribute towards the following items. There is an envelope on the bulletin board where you can place your monetary donation.

Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church” and in the Memo line indicate “apartment.” You can make a general donation, or earmark it towards a specific item(s):

- Kitchen cabinet pulls
- Drawer knobs for kitchen
- Bedroom window treatments
- Living room window treatments
- Kitchen door and window treatment

You may also contact Kathryn Tyahla at 954-921-002 or ktyahla@bellsouth.net to sign up.

Please bring the items to the Narthex or make your donation by June 28.

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Sunday, May 28

- 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.
- Men’s Bible Study – Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

Church and Learning Centers’ offices closed

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Early Learning Center Chapel - West Wing 11:00 a.m.
- Director of Family Ministries Search Committee – Church Office 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 1

- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, June 2

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Learning Centers’ Graduation Party – Education Building 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 4 – Pentecost

- 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.
- Officer Training – Church Office 11:30 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Youth Group – Starbucks on Young Circle 5:00 p.m.

Men's Barbeque & Beers

Saturday, June 10th

Education Building

Time: 10:00 a.m.



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A WORD FROM KENNEDY

CREATING THE CENTER FOR FAMILY MINISTRIES

Over the past couple of weeks, I've brought you up-to-date on the search for our Director of Family Ministries. Today, I want to give you an update on the building plans we are making to prepare for this new person coming on board. Already, you have seen that Presbyterian Women are taking the lead in getting some of the final details done on the newly-renovated apartment area; but recently, due to a recent very generous gift, we can move forward on creating the office and ministry space from which this person will work - what we are calling *The Center for Family Ministries*. Below the apartment lie two other rooms and a sizable storage area that will make up this new center. One of these rooms will become the new office for this position, and the other we can use as a conference room for meetings/small groups etc. This, along with the closet area, will give us a dedicated space from which this person can work and develop new ways of reaching our community. Again and again, we have seen God's provision in bringing this vision of a new staff person to reality. (continued)

And even as we have taken a step of faith in moving forward on this position, committing to fund it from church reserves, God has honored that step with an incredibly strong financial performance from our Learning Center ministries. The surplus from this ministry is giving us crucial bridge funding as we move the church forward in reaching more effectively our community. Please continue to keep your elders and other leaders in prayer as we work to get all this work completed, and to come to a final decision on the person God is calling to this new ministry position in our church family.

THE DOORS ARE NOW DONE ON THE BANASZAK PATIO!

This past week, the renovation of the patio sliding doors was completed, replacing termite-damaged wood, and repairing the mechanisms so that all the doors are now back to full working condition. The next item on the list for the patio area will be exploring the renovation of the benches with Trex weather-resistant decking. While right now, that item may need to wait for further funding, we want to be prepared with an understanding of what the best options for that work will be. If you would be interested in helping out with that need, please let us know; and thanks to the many folks who have given funds to underwrite the current work. Your gifts have been a huge help, and a great tribute to Howard and Sarah Lee, two faithful servants of Christ in this church family. We are still receiving gifts, so if you would like to give a gift in honor of the Banaszak's in any amount, please feel free to use a pew envelope and write on the front Banaszak.

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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 — 1:30 to 4:30 PM

(Worship takes up the rest of the day.)

Monday – The office is closed in observance of Memorial 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 – 1:00 to 4:30 PM

(Chapels and other meetings take up the rest 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.