

**Welcome!**

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

**July 23, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.**

**To love another person is to see the face of God.**

*Victor Hugo, Les Miserables*

**How bold one gets when one is sure of being loved.**

*Sigmund Freud*

**Love is not just a pleasant feeling; it is a way of regarding another person and treating that person.**

*Norman Vincent Peale*

**When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.**

*C.S. Lewis, Writer*

**Knowing, Really, Knowing God**

*Living in the Love*

**I John 2:7-14**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240  
**7<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** – *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN** – **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** . . . . . **# 376**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON)** . . . Adapted from The Alternate Service Book, 1980

**Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  
Forgive us when we have forgotten this, and lived lives outside the flow of  
your love. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most  
excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues, without which  
whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your  
only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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** – *Peace Be within Your Walls* . . . . . Ken Benoit  
Ken Benoit, tenor

**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 2:7-14** (New Testament, Page 239 in pew Bible)

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

**Knowing, Really Knowing God**

*Living in the Love*

**THIS WE BELIEVE** (in unison) ..... I Corinthians 13, The Message

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Though I May Speak** ..... #335

**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 Solo** – *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* ..... Ken Benoit  
Kay Hall, soprano

**\*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 William Law (1686-1761)

**O God, in whom nothing can live but as it lives in love: grant us the spirit of love, which does not want to be rewarded, honored or esteemed, but only to become the blessing and happiness of all who need it; this we pray in your name, for you yourself are Love, in time and eternity. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love** ..... # 367

**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 – Soli Deo Gloria** ..... Marianne Kim

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**Lay Reader – John Alexis**

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by  
Tom & Georgia Backus in memory of Mr. George H. Allan.**

**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](http://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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## **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)

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**Good News Kidz (GNK)**, our Sunday school for children ages 4-10, is **off for the summer**, and will return in **September**. Today, children will stay with their parents during worship.

**Boy Scout Troop 420, July 25<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building

**Youth Group – July 30<sup>th</sup>** - 5:00 p.m. at 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, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

The **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is taking a break for the summer. Watch for information in late August about their next meeting.

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, July 23**

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

### **Monday, July 24**

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

### **Tuesday, July 25**

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Chapel ..... 2:30 p.m.  
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building ..... 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, July 27**

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

### **Friday, July 28**

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

### **Saturday, July 29**

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

### **Sunday, July 30**

Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship – Sanctuary ..... 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**

### **IT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK!**

This week, our Learning Center's summer camp program runs a special Vacation Bible School program that will focus on the creation story. Beginning each day with a chapel service at 3 PM in the sanctuary, we will introduce one part of the creation story, and how it connects to deeper themes in scripture. We will then reinforce that message with crafts and other activities until the school ends at 6 PM.

On Monday, we will share how God made this creation as a good gift, and on Tuesday, how God wants us to care for it. Then on Wednesday, the theme will be how God loves differences as we discuss God's creation of the birds, the fishes and animals, and how we need to honor the unique differences that each person has. On Thursday, we'll focus on the creation of human beings, and what it means to be made in God's image. And then on Friday, we will focus on the Sabbath rest, and how we can rest in God's love for us, a love so great that God even came and died for us.

Please pray that God will use this week to touch the hearts of the children that will be participating in this outreach.

### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Last Saturday, I had the honor of participating in the moving and incredibly well-attended memorial for our beloved Dick Hunter. As I looked over the more than 250 folks who attended, I realized that this number represented twice the number of folks the family had expected. Yet once again, the faithful family of First Presbyterian stepped up, and provided such an incredible bounty of food that everyone was fed, and we even had some pastries left over for Sunday! People commented on the lavish and beautiful reception that y'all provided. Thank you so much to all who worked in whatever way to provide for this reception. You did our church proud, and showed powerfully your love for Dick and his family.

### **OUR MAJOR REPAIRS FUND HAS BEEN BUSY**

In the last month, we have needed to do a number of major repairs to our buildings. We have replaced two AC units that have reached the end of their lives, one in our education building and one in our sanctuary. In addition, we completely resealed the roof of our education building to address the many leaks that this roof had been suffering. Yet as you might imagine, that degree of work has put a strain on our major repairs fund, as these repairs have depleted that fund by over \$30,000.00. If you have any extra funds that you could share to replenish this fund, we would deeply appreciate it!

**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 7:00 PM**

(Bible study and worship take up the remaining time.)

**Monday – 1 to 3:00 PM**

(meeting for Bold Justice at United Way takes up the morning,  
and the VBS chapel take up the remaining time.)

**Tuesday – 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:30 to 3:00 PM**

(Rotary and VBS chapel take up the remaining time.)

**Wednesday – 10 AM to 3 PM and 4 to 7 PM**

(VBS chapel takes 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.