

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
January 22, 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 – *God Is So Good* arr. Douglas Wagner
The Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – To God Be the Glory** **# 485**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (in unison) Richard Harries

O God, the Spirit of truth, help us to be truthful with one another. O God, the Spirit of gentleness, help us to be gentle with one another. O God, who knows what is in our hearts more clearly than we do ourselves, help us to hear one another. And forgive us those moments, we lose touch with truth and gentleness, when we fail to hear one another. O God, lead us in the way of truth and love. In the name of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life 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

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please, no applause.

SPECIAL MUSIC - *Aria in G* Robert Lind
The Handbell Choir

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 – Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18-25 (Old Testament, **page 1** in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

Back to the Beginning, Understanding Who You Are
Living into the Love

THIS WE BELIEVE (in unison) 1 John 4:17-18, The Message

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and matures in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day – our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life – fear of death, fear of judgment – is one not yet fully formed in love.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** #376

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.)*

Please, no applause

Offertory Anthem - *Let Us Love* Mary McDonald

***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 Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
A prayer originally placed at the door of a Christian hospital**

**O God, make the door of this place wide enough to receive all who need human
love and friendship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and malice.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-blocks to children, nor to
straying feet, but strong enough to turn away the power of evil. God, make the
door of this place a gateway to your eternal kingdom. Grant this through Christ
our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – More Love to Thee, O Christ # 359**

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 - Toccata. Eugene Butler
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Lay Reader – Kathryn Tyahla

**Visitors, following worship, please join us on the patio for juice and coffee.
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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Richard Rdriguez
in memory of José M. Rodriguez.
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PRAYER FAMILIES — Each Sunday, we include several of our First Church families in our daily prayers to sustain them in Christian love and support. We will gladly add friends of the church to this. To be included, please call Lynn in the church office. This week, please pray for: **the Hollinshead family, the Houser family, the Hunkins family, Jamilah Ackbar, Kenny Akins, Tom Backus, E. C. Burleson, Donna Beutner, Larry Brogan, Barbara Crockett, Paula Cronin, Ed Curtis, Henrietta Curtis, Philip Fuller, Mary Humiston, Ann & Dick Hunter, Jayne Huston, Bill Huston, Jennifer Huston, Marge Karbacz, Len Koch, Stephanie Kunz, Argentina Mackway, Merle Mikesell, Earl Mohan, Pat Noga, Wilma Paquette, Ed & Kay Rasor, Steven Silvestro, Bobby Snatchko, Garnet Snyder, Bonnie Springer, Daniel Williams**

OPPORTUNITIES

<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

Please check our website: firstpreshlwdfl.org
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.

Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcch.org >

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **January 29, 2017**

A Congregational Meeting is called by the Session for January 29, 2017, immediately following worship, for the purposes of:

- Receiving the 2016 annual reports from Committees of Session and the Board of Deacons, as well as the Clerk of Session's annual report;
- Receiving the Treasurer's report;
- Electing officers to serve in the Class of 2020 on the Session and Board of Deacons;
- Electing four members of the congregation to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee; and
- Reviewing the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor in compliance with the Book of Order, section G-7.302.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

Senior High Youth Group — TODAY, 5 p.m., Starbucks on Young Circle

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

Boy Scout Troop 420, January 24th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — January 25th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — January 25th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — January 27th, 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, January 23rd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, January 27th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff meeting, January 23rd, Noon, church office

Session, January 23rd, 7:00 p.m., chapel

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY —

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet **January 24th at 2:30 p.m.**, in the chapel.

Please contact Alice Carlisle for information.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22

- 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.

Monday, January 23

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church Office Noon
- Session – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

- 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, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 29

- 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.
- Annual Congregation Meeting – Sanctuary immediately following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Hollywood Healing Haiti concert – Arts Park at Young Circle 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.