

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

April 29, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

**Even in your darkest moment, you usually can find
something to laugh about if you try hard enough.**

Red Skelton

**I never would have made it if I could not have laughed.
It lifted me momentarily out of this horrible situation,
just enough to make it livable.**

Viktor Frankl, Concentration Camp Survivor and Psychotherapist

If you want to make me laugh, tell me your plans.

A Billboard signed "God"

**It's one thing to say, 'I don't fear death', but to laugh out loud
somehow drives the idea home. It embodies our theology.**

Rev. Laura Gentry, Pastor

Against the assault of laughter, nothing can stand.

Mark Twain, Humorist and Presbyterian

God Outside the Box
Getting God's Punchline

Psalm 37:1-17

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

5th Sunday of Easter

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April 29, 2018

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***Please stand if you are able.**

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!** **# 145**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Christ the King Lutheran Church, Gladwin, MI

Good and gracious God, we laugh as a sign of the joy you have brought into the world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to see light through your eyes – eyes of grace and forgiveness – as we face the dark places of our life both within and without. Help us to laugh when the world presses in around us and we are afraid. In your name, Jesus, 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

ANTHEM – *A Jubilant Song* Allen Pote

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 37:1-17 (Old Testament, Page 510 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

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A SERVICE FOR THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM **Please see insert**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 – That Old-Time Need of Prayer arr. Craig Courtney

***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 the United Church of Canada
Bay of Quinte Conference

**O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy and longing
to be surprised. We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter
and delight. These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us
and for all the earth. May we find that in giving up to laughter there is
healing and hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the
brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living. Amen.**

***HYMN – Give to the Wind Thy Fears** (tune: FESTAL SONG #411) **# 286**

***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 for a New Millennium** Noël Goemanne

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web site at: fpcoh.org facebook.com/fpcoh/

Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org

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

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Lay Reader – Dorothy Olive

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by
Kathleen Hinman in honor of her sons.

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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; and
our Facebook page: facebook.com/fpcoh/
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org

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A Session meeting has been called
for Monday, April 30th, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel,
for the purpose of receiving and discussing recommendations
from the Church Evolution Team.

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BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — May 5th, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

Deacons Fund offering — May 6th

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

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

Boy Scout Troop 420, May 1st, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — May 2nd, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — May 2nd, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — May 4th, 10:30 a.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, April 30th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, May 4th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

HOLLYWOOD C.A.R.E.S —

The next meeting of Hollywood C.A.R.E.S. will be on Thursday, May 3rd, 7:30 pm, in the Temple Beth El Media Center (library), 1351 South 14 Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting – no obligation. Call Sharon Tanenhaus at 954-920-8225 for information

MEETINGS —

Staff Meeting - April 30th, Noon – Church office

Learning Center Board – April 30th, 4:00 p.m., Chapel

Church Evolution Team – April 30th, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Called Session Meeting – April 30th, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

Presbytery of Tropical Florida — May 1st, 9:30 a.m., Second Pres., 1400 N. US 1

Hollywood CARES — May 3rd, 7:30 p.m., Temple Beth El

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Circle 1, 5:30 p.m. at Patron Azteca, 5181 Sheridan St.

WORSHIP —

Volunteers needed! Would you like to **usher** on Sunday morning? Would you like to be the **Power Point person** who controls the screen each Sunday? Please call Judy Gensel (954-983-7232) or Lynn in the office (954- 923- 8209). You can sign up for just one Sunday or more if you wish. **Thanks!!!**

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COMING IN MAY.....

May 4th – Family Movie Night with Disney’s Coco!

May 13th – Celebrate Mother’s Day with Blanket Sunday

May 20th – It’s Pentecost and Pancakes Sunday!!

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 29

- Hollywood CARES 5K Race – 300 Garfield Street, Hollywood Beach 8:00 a.m.
- 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.

Monday, April 30

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church office Noon
- Learning Center Board – Chapel 4:00 p.m.
- Church Evolution Committee – Chapel 6:00 p.m.
- Called Session meeting – Chapel 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

- Presbytery of Tropical Florida - Second Presbyterian, 1400 N. US 1 Ft. Lauderdale . . . 9:30 a.m.
- Circle 1 – at Patron Azteca, 5181 Sheridan St. 5:30 p.m.
- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 3

- 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.
- Hollywood CARES – Temple Beth-El, 1351 South 14 Avenue 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4

- A Time of Prayer - Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- After Care Chapel - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m.
- Family & Faith Movie Night – Patio 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 6

- 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.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

VICTORY!

This past Monday, 23 Hollywood Presbyterians joined over 1,100 others from 20 congregations, and brought about substantive change in our county.

Years ago, our state attorney's office used to lead a program called *Operation Spot-check* that did unannounced inspections at nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Broward. But over the years, the program had disappeared, with the result that too many elders were suffering inadequate, and sometimes even lethal, care. Sadly, if that program had been in place, it might have prevented the tragedy at Hollywood Hills Nursing Home last September. But now thanks to your advocacy, the state attorney's office committed to pull together the relevant agencies to start the program again.

And when it comes to safety in our schools, both the Sheriff's office and the State Attorney committed to give us updates in August as to what steps they are taking to prevent the terrible events at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas from ever happening again. To fulfill his commitment to train all his street officers in effectively dealing with the mentally ill, through Crisis Intervention Training, Sheriff Israel committed \$110,500.00 annually to expand this training so that goal can be met. Finally, both the State Attorney and the Police Chief in Miramar committed to expand their use of civil citation, an effective diversion program for youth with minor offenses.

Now, if you were there on Monday night, as yes after yes came from our public officials, it might have seemed those victories came easily. But behind the scenes, our leaders were furiously negotiating to make sure those yesses happened. On that Monday, I myself, spoke personally to the Sheriff two times to make sure his yesses happened - and it had nothing to do with my personal charm that got the Sheriff to agree! No, the Sheriff knew that he would be facing well over a thousand people of faith and lots of local media, as did the office of the State Attorney. It was you, and the hundreds gathered there with you at St. David's that gave the leaders of Bold Justice the standing to gently but firmly push our elected leaders to take these actions. Because you showed up, God used you to protect vulnerable seniors. God used you to help mentally ill people get treatment instead of ending up in jail. And God used you so that youth could get a second chance instead of having a minor mistake derail their futures. Thank you for showing up and standing up boldly so that God's kingdom could come and God's will be done a little more in this county.

THE RESULTS ARE IN.....

AND YOU BLEW THE EASTER MATCH AWAY, COLLECTING WELL OVER \$10,000.00 IN THIS OFFERING! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO GAVE TO MAKE THIS SUCCESS HAPPEN!

A SERVICE FOR THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

RENUNCIATION AND AFFIRMATION

THIS WE BELIEVE - Apostles' Creed (Congregation reads lines shown in bold.)

Brothers and Sisters, what do we believe concerning God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Brothers and Sisters, what do we believe concerning God, the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Brothers and Sisters, what do we believe concerning God, the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND ANOINTING

THE WELCOME

***THE SONG OF WELCOME – HERE I AM, LORD #525**

THE PEACE

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 –

Bible study, worship and family time take up the day.

Monday –

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 PM to 4:00 PM
(staff and other church meetings take up the remaining time)

Tuesday –

9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (presbytery meeting at 2nd Pres. in Ft. Lauderdale)
and 2 to 4 PM (preschool walk around)

Wednesday –

12:00 PM to 4:30 PM (LC chapels take up the morning)

Friday –

10:30 AM to 12:00 (sermon preparation and
aftercare chapel take up the rest of the day.)

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.



FREE! Family Movie Night

Friday, May 4, 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Pizza \$1 per slice

FREE! Popcorn

RVSP to Lynn at 954-923-8209 or landerson@fpcoh.org