

**Welcome!**

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

**May 13, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.**



**God Outside the Box**

***God Your Mother***

**Isaiah 42:10-17**

**First Presbyterian Church**

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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May 13, 2018

Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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

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**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE** – *For the Beauty of the Earth* ..... arr. Marianne Kim

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

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

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** ..... Adapted from Anselm of Canterbury, 1033-1109

**Christ, our mother, like a hen, you gather your chicks under your wings. For by your gentleness the badly frightened are comforted; by your sweet smell the despairing are revived; your warmth gives life to the dead; your touch makes sinners righteous. Mother... let your terrified ones be consoled by you; despairing of themselves, let them be comforted by you, and in your whole and unceasing grace let them be refashioned by you. For from you flows consolation for sinners; to you the blessing for ages and ages. In your name 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 Mother’s Love*** . . . . . Boyd Bacon

**SCRIPTURE READING – *Isaiah 42:10-17*** (Old Testament, Page 671 in pew Bible)

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

**God Outside the Box**

*God Your Mother*

**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** . . . . . Isaiah 49:13-15, NRSV

**Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into**

**singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion**

**on his suffering ones. But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord**

**has forgotten me.” Can a woman forget her nursing child or show no**

**compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not**

**forget you.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – *Now Thank We All Our God*** . . . . . #555

**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 – *Sing Out Your Song, Christians of the World*** . . . . . Don Besig

**\*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 Marguerite d’Oingt, 13<sup>th</sup> C. French nun

**Our sweet Lord....are you not our mother and more than our mother?**

**....For when the hour of your delivery came you were placed on the hard**

**bed of the cross, and your nerves and all your veins were broken. And**

**truly it is no surprise that your veins burst when in one day you gave**

**birth to the whole world. Thank you, Jesus for the new birth you give.**

**In your blessed name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – Come, Sing, O Church in Joy** ..... # 430

**\*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 - Postlude on Darwall’s 148<sup>th</sup>** ..... Charles Callahan

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**Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcOH.org](mailto:landerson@fpcOH.org)**

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

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**Lay Reader – Zachary Myers**

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

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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](http://fpcOH.org)**

**CHILD CARE** for infants is provided in the nursery, located in the 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: [facebook.com/fpcOH/](https://facebook.com/fpcOH/)  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcOH.org](mailto:landerson@fpcOH.org)

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**This morning, Presbyterian Women will receive  
a Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Sunday offering.**  
Last year, CWS distributed thousands of blankets around the world to families  
fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more. Please help First Church  
be part of an even greater response in 2018.

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**May 20<sup>th</sup> – It's Pentecost and Pancakes Sunday!!**  
Please sign up on the reservation sheet found in your bulletin.

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**Good News Kidz (GNK) — (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary**  
**Boy Scout Troop 420, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building**  
**Learning Center chapel — May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary**  
**Early Learning Center chapel — May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., West Wing**  
**After Care chapel — May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**  
**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

### **MEETING —**

**Worship Team – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., chapel**

**NEWSLETTER deadline for the Summer 2018 issue (June, July, & August): May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —**

**Deborah Circle, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., Chapel**

**Koinonia Circle, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m., in the home of Kathy Meyer**

**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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**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, blog posting, worship audio editing,  
and family time take up the day.

**Monday – 3 PM to 5:30 PM**

(Bold Justice training event and worship meeting take up the remainder of the day)

**Tuesday – 10 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 4 PM**

(preschool walk around and Rotary take up the remaining time.)

**Wednesday – 3:45 PM to 5:30 PM**

(LC chapels and lunch take up the rest of the day)

**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.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, May 13 – Mother’s Day**

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Blanket Sunday - 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 14**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Deborah Circle – Chapel ..... 11:30 a.m.
- Worship Team – Chapel ..... 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 15**

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

### **Wednesday, May 16**

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

### **Thursday, May 17**

- Westminster Choir ..... 5:15 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### **Friday, May 18**

- A Time of Prayer - Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- After Care Chapel - Sanctuary ..... 3:45 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 19**

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel ..... 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Koinonia Circle – at Kathy Meyer’s home ..... 10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost**

- 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.
- Pancake Brunch – Rice Room ..... following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

## **A WORD FROM KENNEDY**

### **LET'S BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE**

This past Monday, I had the opportunity to take Betty Lou Miller one of the beautiful blankets that Amy Richel, through Presbyterian Women, makes for folks who are ill. I always love doing that because, well, everybody loves a blanket, and Betty Lou sure loved hers. She put it on immediately. Our family loves them, too. Just this past Tuesday morning, our son Patrick, asked to take the butterfly blanket that my wife, Chantal, received at his delivery as we rode to school. Even in the hot weather, he loved holding onto that blanket on the drive to school. Who knows? Maybe he felt the love of the women who made it.

And as meaningful as those blankets are, the blankets that we ask you to give funds for this Mother's Day morning have even more significance. They go to make sure moms fleeing from war or famine have blankets to keep their babies warm, or that families can use them for shelter or to carry food. And these blankets go everywhere from refugee centers overseas to the hills of Appalachia to families such as the Burchetts. As the story is told on the Church World Service (CWS) website, that southeastern Kentucky family had broken windows, and when winter came, the wind brutally cut through their house. So, they took the blankets that Church World Service (CWS) provided to hang over the broken windows to keep the heat in and the cold out. But then, they had no heavy blankets for their beds. But because you and others gave, they received even more blankets to meet that need. As Sandy, a volunteer from Sisters of Hope, their CWS partner said; "They are so appreciative of everything we have given them. And they go out of their way to tell you how much these blankets mean to them."

We are blessed not only because we don't have to deal with such cold weather problems, but because for most, if not all of us, we don't face such painful dilemmas as the Burchetts did. But many in our nation and world do, and your gift today (even as little as \$5.00) can make a huge difference in the lives of one of those families. I can't think of a better way to honor my mother, whose loving presence warmed me on many a cold night. I encourage you to do the same. Let's do our part to blanket this broken and hurting world with the love of Jesus through this crucial ministry.

### **DON'T FORGET, NEXT SUNDAY, IT'S PENTECOST AND PANCAKES!**

**On this Sunday, we'll also have a special announcement on a new way we will be trying out to share God's love to our community, and also share the good news of how that love is getting lived out right here at First Church!**



**Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.**

*Bern Williams*

**The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which  
you will always find forgiveness.**

*Honore De Balzac*

**A mother understands what a child does not say.**

*A Jewish Proverb*

**Suppose we admitted for the sake of argument  
that motherhood was powerful.**

*Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Historian*

**Out of my womb before the morning star I bore you.**

*Psalm 110:3*

**[See] the astonishing warmth of love and tenderness of affection  
[of God] for he compares himself to a mother who singularly  
loves her child, though she brought him forth with extreme pain.**

*John Calvin, commenting on Isaiah 42*

**And in accepting our nature, he gave us life, and in his  
blessed dying on the Cross he bore us to endless life.**

*Julian of Norwich, 1342-1416*

**[Christ] gives the analogy of bitter labor and says: “A women when  
she bears a child has anguish and sorrow (John 16:21) and He applies  
all of this to His suffering, in which He so hard and bitterly bore us,  
nourished us and made us alive, gave us to drink from His breast and  
side with water and blood, as a mother nurses her child.**

*Katherina Schutz Zell, Protestant reformer, 1497-1562*

**When all is well with me, what am I but an infant suckling your milk  
and feeding on you “the food that is incorruptible. (John 6:27)”**

*St. Augustine*

**Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you  
may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

*1 Peter 2:2-3*