

Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

May 6, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

Psalm 104:14-15

**God comes near to us unendingly in the bread of life,
the food of resurrection.**

Everything has to be built up round this seed of fire.

Olivier Clement, Theologian

**Wine is God's special drink. The purpose of good wine is
to inspire us to a livelier sense of gratitude to God.**

John Calvin

**That *he is there* (oh heavenly theme!) is as certainly true
as that Bread naturally taken removes my hunger –
so this Bread of Angels removes my pain, my cares, warms,
cheers, soothes, contents and renews my whole being.**

Mother Elisabeth Seton, First American Saint

God Outside the Box
Eating and Drinking God

John 6:35, 48-58

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

6th Sunday of Easter

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May 6, 2018

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***Please stand if you are able. Please, no applause during the worship service**

WELCOME

PRELUDE - Canon of Grace arr. Linda Lamb
The Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – I Come with Joy** **# 507**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) - Adapted from the *Stimulus Amori*, by Jacopo Da Milano

Good and gracious God, grant that our souls may hunger after you, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and super-substantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste. Forgive us for when we look elsewhere for life beyond you. Let our hearts ever hunger after and feed upon you, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may our inmost souls be filled with the sweetness of your savor.

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.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL MUSIC – Excursion for Bells Philip M. Young
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 READING – John 6:35, 48-58 (New Testament, Page 98 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

**God Outside the Box
Eating and Drinking God**

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) **John 6:35, NRSV**

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** **#281**

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 – Laudate Dominum **W. A. Mozart**
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. Amen.**

***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** **Adapted from Catherine of Siena, 1347-80**

You, eternal Trinity, are Table and Food and Waiter for us. You, eternal Father, are the Table that offers us food, the Lamb, your only-begotten Son. He is the most exquisite Food for us, both in his teaching, which nourishes us in your will, and in the sacraments that we receive in Holy Communion, which feeds and strengthens us while we are pilgrim travelers in this life. And the Holy Spirit is a Waiter for us, for the Spirit serves us this teaching by enlightening our mind’s eye with it and inspiring us to follow it. Thank you Jesus! In your blessed name we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***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 - Trumpet Tune** Charles Callahan

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web site at: fpcoh.org [facebook.com/fpcoh/](https://www.facebook.com/fpcoh/)

Church office e-mail: 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 – Uwa Alexis

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by
Louise Hardenburg in memory of loved ones.**

**The flowers in the lobby are given by
Linda Cady: "Happy Birthday, Douglas!"**

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 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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**Next Sunday, May 13th, 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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OPPORTUNITIES

<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

Please check our website: fpcoh.org
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org >

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BOARD OF DEACONS —

A Deacons Fund offering will be received today.

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 your 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 8th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — May 9th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — May 9th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — May 11th, 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. The group will not meet on April 15th.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, May 7th: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 11th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

Staff meeting – May 7th, Noon, church office

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —

Deborah Circle, May 14th, 11:30 a.m., Chapel

Koinonia Circle, May 19th, 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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CALENDAR

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.

Monday, May 7

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Staff meeting – Church office Noon

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 12

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Scout Pinewood Derby – Rice Room 8:00 a.m.

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.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

THE POWER OF UNITED ACTION

This past Tuesday, I was talking to a colleague, Ben Sorensen, who besides being a Presbyterian pastor happens to be the Vice-Mayor of Fort Lauderdale. I mentioned that I saw him at the Bold Justice action the week before, and he shared how impressed he was by both the turnout, and by how we held our county leaders accountable, including the sheriff. I could tell once again how God was reminding me of the power that comes when people of faith come together to bring change in our community. Of the 1,100 plus folks at that meeting, 23 came from this congregation. Because you and so many others who attended, God did great things.

The State Attorney agreed to lead the revival of an inspection program whereby every nursing home and assisted living facility is inspected on a regular basis so that the deaths at Hollywood Hills Nursing Home need never happen again. And as we seek to learn from the awful deaths at Marjorie Stone Douglas, both the Sheriff and the State Attorney committed to give us updates in August as to what steps they are taking to prevent those terrible events from ever happening again. Sheriff Israel put his money where his mouth is and agreed to fulfill his commitment to train all his street officers in effectively dealing with the mentally ill, through Crisis Intervention Training, through a \$110,500.00 increase that will 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 April 23rd, as Vice Mayor Sorensen was, and heard yes after yes come from our public officials, those victories might have seemed to come easily. But behind the scenes, our leaders were furiously negotiating to bring those yesses about. On that Monday, I myself, spoke personally to the Sheriff two times to make sure his yesses happened. And those yesses came because 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. God used the folks from our church, and the hundreds gathered there with us at St. David's to enable us to gently but firmly push our elected leaders to take these crucial actions. God used us to protect vulnerable seniors. God used us to hold our leaders accountable to keep our kids safe. God used us to help mentally ill people get treatment instead of ending up in jail. And God used us so that youth could get a second chance instead of having a minor mistake derail their futures. Thank you for all those who showed up and stood up boldly so that God's kingdom could come and God's will be done a little more in our county.

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**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!**

EVENTS COMING UP IN MAY

May 12th – Celebrate Mother’s Day with Blanket Sunday

May 20th – It’s Pentecost and Pancakes Sunday!!
Plus, on this Sunday, we’ll have a special announcement
about some new ways we will be reaching out and
giving witness to God’s love to our community.

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DROP BY FOR COFFEE OR TEA WITH KENNEDY THIS WEEK

Here are the times this week when I am available for y’all to come by for a visit!

Sunday –

Bible study, worship, pre-marital counseling, blog posting,
worship audio editing and family time take up the day.

Monday –

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 PM to 5:30 PM
(staff and other church meetings take up the remaining time)

Tuesday –

10 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 4 PM
(preschool walk around and Rotary take up the remaining time.)

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.

PENTECOST and PANCAKES

May 20, 2018
immediately following worship

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Please make the following reservations for the Pentecost and Pancake brunch on May 20th:

Adults _____

Children _____

