

**Welcome!**

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

**July 22, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.**

***Inhale the  
future  
Exhale the  
past.***

*Living into a Life of Joy, A Journey through Philippians*

**The Joy of Letting Go**

**Philippians 3:3-9**

**First Presbyterian Church**

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Director of Music: Jerry W. Myers

July 22, 2018

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Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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

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**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name** ..... arr. Diane Bish

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – I Sing the Mighty Power of God** ..... # 288

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** ..... Adapted from Edward Pusey, 1800-1882

**O our Savior! Of ourselves we cannot love you, cannot follow you, cannot become one with you, but you came down that we might love you, you ascended that we might follow you, you bound us close to you that we might be held fast to you. Since you have loved us, make us love you. Since you found us, when we were lost, be yourself the way, that we may find you and be found in you our only hope and our everlasting joy. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (#579)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 3:3-9** (New Testament, Page 198 in pew Bible)

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

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**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** ..... Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

**For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** ..... # 356

**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 - It Is Well with My Soul** ..... arr. Myers

**\*THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE – DOXOLOGY (#592)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** ..... Adapted from Rev. Terry Hinks, United Reformed Church, Romsey, England

**Mighty God, we rejoice in your reckless and extravagant love scattered among us and found in the mud and thorns of life. We rejoice that your will for us and for the world is not one of carefully apportioned judgment or neatly wrapped rewards. Praise be! Your aim and desire for all your creation is a cup full and overflowing with good wine, a banquet for all to share, a harvest of full and ripe grains, a growing tree in which all can make their nest. Thank you, for your gifts so freely offered, life in all its fullness, hope in abundance, peace that passes understanding, and love that none can measure from which nothing can separate us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less . . . . . # 379**

**\*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 Old Hundredth . . . . . Fred Bock**

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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 a reception welcoming Jerry Myers as our Director of Music!**

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**Lay Reader – Louise Hardenburg**

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Steven and Linda Ellis  
in memory of Linda’s mom, Joan McGrath, and her brother, Mark Novello.**

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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 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 lobby we have large print hymnals and a limited number of pew cushions available.

**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://www.facebook.com/fpcoh/)**

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

### **Summer work schedule for James Potts:**

Monday: Office 9am-1pm; meeting with Kennedy 2pm

Tuesday: Office 9am-5pm

Wednesday: Office 10am-6pm; Wacky Wednesdays 6-8pm

Thursday: Office 9am-5pm

Friday: Day of Rest

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### **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

**Breakfast and the Bible** — Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., church office

A study focusing on the scripture of the day.

#### **A Time of Prayer, in the chapel**

**Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**SUMMER SUNDAYS** — (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary

**Boy Scout Troop 420, July 24<sup>th</sup>,** 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building

#### **Wacky Wednesdays! NOW - August 15**

Come out each Wednesday for an evening of fun!

We will have pizza, games, crafts, and a story from the Bible!

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood

When: Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

How much: **It's FREE!!!!**

Who: Children entering Kindergarten through 12 years old.

For more information, or to register, contact  
James Potts at [jpotts@fpcoh.org](mailto:jpotts@fpcoh.org) or (954) 923-8209, ext 115

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## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, July 22**

- Breakfast and the Bible – Church Office ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Summer Sundays (GNK) - Chapel ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Reception Welcoming Jerry Myers – Patio ..... following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Monday, July 23**

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### **Tuesday, July 24**

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

### **Wednesday, July 25**

- Wacky Wednesday – Chapel ..... 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, July 26**

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

### **Friday, July 27**

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

### **Saturday, July 28**

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

### **Sunday, July 29**

- Breakfast and the Bible – Church Office ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Summer Sundays (GNK) - Chapel ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**We need, in love, to practice only this:/letting each other go./  
for holding on/ comes easily: we do not need to learn it.**

*Rainer Maria Wilke, poet*

**We find by losing. We hold fast by letting go.  
We become something new by ceasing to be something old.**

*Frederick Buechner, Preacher and Novelist*

**The last experience of God is frequently the greatest obstacle to  
the next experience of God. We make an absolute out of it.....**

**All great spirituality is about letting go.**

*Richard Rohr, Everything Belongs*

**Creativity can be described as letting go of certainties.**

*Gail Sheehy, Journalist and author*

**It (trying to keep the law) grants you the power to judge others and  
feel superior to them. You believe you are living to a higher standard than  
those you judge. Enforcing rules, especially in its more subtle expressions like  
responsibility and expectation, is a vain attempt to create certainty out of  
uncertainty. And contrary to what you might think, I have a great fondness  
for uncertainty. Rules cannot bring freedom; they only have the power to accuse.**

*Wm. Paul Young, God speaking in the novel, The Shack*

**Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, of laws to be obeyed,  
of prohibitions. That makes it very distasteful. Christianity is a person, one  
who loved us so much, one who calls for our love. Christianity is Christ.**

*Oscar Romero, Martyred Archbishop of El Salvador*

**If you don't give gladness, you don't give the gospel; you give legalism.**

*John Piper, The Supremacy of God in Preaching*

**If anyone thinks that Christians regard unchastity as the supreme vice, he is quite wrong. The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins. All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual: the pleasure of putting other people in the wrong, of bossing and patronizing and spoiling sport, and back-biting; the pleasure of power, and hatred....Thus a cold self-righteous prig who goes regularly to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute.**

*C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

**Let go of a small part of your righteousness,  
and in a few days, you will be at peace.**

*Abba Poemen, Sayings of the Fathers*

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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, audio editing, and next Sunday's worship preparation take up the day.

**Monday – 5:30 PM to 7 PM**

(other meetings take up the rest of the day)

**Tuesday – 10 AM 11:30 PM and 2 to 3:30 PM**

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

**Wednesday – 10 AM to 11 AM**

(meetings and initial sermon preparation take up the rest of the day.)

**Friday – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

(sermon preparation takes 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.



## **A WORD FROM KENNEDY**

### **SOME EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO WORSHIP!**

As you might have noticed, we have changed the tunes of a few of our worship responses. Over the coming weeks, we will be experimenting a bit more with trying out new responses for our worship, something we have not looked at in many years. Together with our new music director, Jerry, we will also be looking to make sure that we have a solid core of songs we sing on Sunday that are both relatively easy to sing, and which will be sung regularly enough for you to soon recognize. My intent is to add even more energy and life to our worship with songs that inspire you to sing and sing it loud and proud! So please let us know what songs/hymns you particularly love to sing so that we can include them in what will become a regular rotation. Our goal is not to sing it so much that you think; “that one, again!” But we do want to sing it often enough that if it’s new to you you’ll remember how it goes! As you might have noticed, we’ve also tightened the length of the service, something many of you have asked about for quite a while, and now your prayers are being answered 😊. We will keep working on that so that our worship experience can be richer and more powerful for everyone.

All this is helping us get ready for the Fall, when - beginning with the first week of September - we will experiment with three services each week. We will begin the day with Morning Light at 9 AM, a shorter, more informal service in the chapel. At 10 AM, everyone will gather in the sanctuary for Waumba Worship (a service with a few kid-friendly songs). After *A Time With the Children*, the children will go to Good News Kidz, and the adults will stay for a Bible study (which will be based on the sermon so that it will simply be the sermon content in a different format.). What is currently our main worship service will move to 11 AM. We will try out this arrangement through Christmas. After that we will evaluate what is working and what is not and make changes accordingly. Please be patient with us as we experiment with this new Fall schedule. And right now, give us your feedback as we experiment with some different responses in worship over the coming weeks: what moves you and what doesn’t. Let’s work together to make our Sunday morning worship experience one that grows even stronger in celebrating God’s love and enabling everyone who walks through our doors to experience that love among us.