

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

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

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***Press On
Toward the Goal***

Living into a Life of Joy, A Journey through Philippians

The Joy of the Race

Philippians 3:7-14

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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July 29, 2018

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

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE - *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Robert Hobby

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

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

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471

Grant us, O most merciful Jesus, your grace ever to desire and to will what is most acceptable to you and most pleasing in your sight, and your forgiveness and grace when we fall short. Let your will be ours, and let our will ever follow yours, and fully accord with it. Let there be between you and us one single will, so that we may love what you love, and abhor what you hate; and let us not be able to will anything which you do not want, nor let us dislike anything which you desire. In Jesus' name we pray it. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***AMAZING GRACE (# 280, verse 1)**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING – *Philippians 3:7-14* (New Testament, Page 198 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Hebrews 12:1-2, NRSV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Guide My Feet #354**

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 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Robert Powell

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus
In him there is no darkness- at all; The night and the day are both alike. –
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

***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 J. Philip Newell, b. 1953**

**O Christ you are a bright flame before us. You are a guiding star above us.
You are the light and love we see in others’ eyes. Keep us, O Christ, in a
love that is tender. Keep us, O Christ, in a love that is true. Keep us, O
Christ, in a love that is strong, tonight, tomorrow and always. In your
name Jesus we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Lead On, O King Eternal # 447**

***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 - *Go Out with Joy! Mary McDonald

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**Visitors, following worship please join us on the patio
for refreshments!**

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Lay Reader – Judy Gensel

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Polly Jenness
In memory of loved ones.**

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 lobby 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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This week's 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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BOARD OF DEACONS —

Share-A-Meal — August 4th, 11:00 a.m., church kitchen

A Deacons Fund offering will be received August 5th.

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.

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 30th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, August 3rd: 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 31st, 7:00 p.m., 2nd 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 or (954) 923-8209, ext 115

MEETINGS —

Worship Committee, July 30th, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Team of Chairs, 2018 – 2019 Calendar Planning, August 8th, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Leadership Summit, August 9th & 10th, 9:30 am – 5:30 p.m., Christ Journey Church, Coral Gables

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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 – 1 PM to 5 PM

(other meetings take up the rest of the day)

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

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

Wednesday – 10 AM to 11 AM and 4 to 5 PM

(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.

CALENDAR

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.

Monday, July 30

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

Tuesday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 1

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

Thursday, August 2

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

Friday, August 3

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

Saturday, August 4

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Share-a-Meal – Church Kitchen 11:00 a.m.
- Wedding – Sanctuary 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 5

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

**When the wind is blowing, a person without a goal is like a ship without a rudder.
He will go wherever he gets pushed.**

Author Unknown

**In the long run, you only hit what you aim at. Therefore, though you should fail
immediately, you had better aim at something high.**

Henry David Thoreau

**The essential thing 'in heaven and earth' is that there should be a long
Obedience in the same direction; there thereby results, and has always
resulted in the long run, something that has made life worth living.**

Nietzsche

The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep running.

Carolyn Weese

What is the use of running when we are on the wrong road?

Bavarian Proverb

**Sometimes I think of life as a big wagon wheel with many spokes. In the
middle is the hub. Often in ministry, it looks like we are running around the
rim trying to reach everybody. But God says, "Start in the hub; live in the hub.
Then you will be connected with all the spokes, and you won't have to run so fast.**

Henri Nouwen

**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

Only where graves are is there resurrection.

Karl Barth, Theologian

Practice resurrection.

Wendell Berry, Poet

**I myself believe passionately in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, because in
my own life I have experienced Christ not as a memory, but as a presence.**

William Sloan Coffin, Preacher

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

NEXT WEEK, WE WISH A BON VOYAGE TO JAMES POTTS

Last week, our Family Ministries Director, James Potts, announced that God is calling him away from his position here at First Presbyterian. In his short time here, James has had a positive impact on our congregation in many ways. From the wonderful intergenerational Christmas Eve worship to the Prayground (the child-friendly area at the back of the sanctuary,) complete with wonderful books for kids to read, and activities to participate in, he has touched many. In addition, he worked with our Children's Ministry leaders to help us select a new curriculum for our Sunday ministry, Good News Kidz; and in his free time, he shared his craftsmanship with some beautiful paraments for our worship space. Beyond these and other tangible accomplishments, James has blessed our church by simply sharing himself. Whether it was in tutoring kids in our Learning Center, visiting with kids in worship or building relationships with folks over coffee or meals, James has left a positive impact on our church family. **Next week, we will hold a special reception for James after worship** to wish him bon voyage as he explores what God has next for him in ministry. As we do that, if you would like to make a **special love gift** to James to help him with moving expenses and other needs until God gives him clarity on his next call, just write a check to the church marked either James or Love gift, and we will present that gift to him at next Sunday's worship. Thank you, James for your time with us.

WE'RE GOING FROM ONE WORSHIP TO THREE IN SEPTEMBER!

Beginning with the first week of September, we will experiment with three Sunday morning services. We will begin the day with Morning Light at 8:45 or 9 AM, a shorter more informal service in the chapel. From 10:00 to 10:45 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.

Also, as you might have noticed, we are 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 Myers, we will also be looking to make sure that we have a solid core of songs each week which are both relatively easy to sing, and sung regularly enough that they are easy to remember. So please, let us know what songs/hymns you particularly love to sing so 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!

So please share with us the songs you particularly love to sing as we prepare this rotation, and also give us your feedback as we experiment with these different responses in worship (some of which might also rotate a bit) over the coming weeks, what moves you and what doesn't.

School Supplies Needed

It's time to bring school supplies for children
at Hollywood Central Elementary School.

**BACKPACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY. SIMPLY FILL
THEM WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND LEAVE THEM IN THE
DROP-OFF BOX IN THE NARTHEX/LOBBY.**

Here is a list of supplies that the children will need:

Duotang Folders with Pockets
Washable Crayola Markers
Large-size Crayons Colored Pencils
#2 Pencils Index Cards
Inexpensive White Paper Plates
Large Glue Sticks Composition Books
Sharpie Markers Thick Dry-Erase Markers
Headphones Tissues Baby Wipes
Ziploc Bags (Quart and Gallon Size)
Blunt Tip Scissors
Loose Leaf Paper Construction Paper



Hollywood Central will receive the items on Sunday, August 26th,
at our **Blessing of the Backpacks** worship service!