

Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

August 5 2018 - 10:00 a.m.



Living into a Life of Joy, A Journey through Philippians

The Peacefulness of Joy

Philippians 3:21-4:9

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE - *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* Wilbur Held

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

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

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) Adapted from Soren Kierkegaard (1813-55)

Calm our troubled hearts; give us peace. O Lord, calm the waves of this heart, calm its tempests! Calm yourself, O our souls, so that the divine can act in you! Calm yourself, O our souls, so that God is able to repose in you, so that his peace may cover you, and his grace forgive and free you!

Yes, Father in heaven, often have we found that the world cannot give us peace but make us feel that you are able to give peace; let us know the truth of your promise; that the whole world may not be able to take away your peace. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***LIVE INTO HOPE (# 332, verse 4)**

**Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

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 – Philippians 3:21-4:9 (New Testament, **Page 198** in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Philippians 4:4-7, NRSV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – I’ve Got Peace Like a River** **#368**

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 - In This Very Room Ron and Carol Harris
Jared Schwartz, soloist

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, And in this very room there's
Quite enough joy for one like me, And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom, For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, And in this very room there's
quite enough joy for all the world, And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom, For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

***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 Edward Pusey, 1800-82

**Lift up our souls, O Lord, above the weary round of harassing thoughts
to your eternal presence. Lift up our minds to the pure, bright, serene
atmosphere of your presence that we may breathe freely and rest there
in your love. From there, surrounded by your peace, may we return to
do or to bear whatever shall best please you, O blessed Lord. In the
name of Jesus, who is our peace, 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** Douglas Wagner

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**Visitors, following worship please join us on the patio
for a farewell reception honoring James Potts!**

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LAY READER – Ellen Yamrick

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by James Potts in honor of
Karen Martin and Michelle Rus for volunteering so
faithfully in our Children's Ministry.**

**A Session meeting is called for this morning, immediately following the
reception for James Potts, for the purpose of hearing a proposal from
the Worship Team and the Director of Music regarding the
Music Ministry of First Church.**

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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 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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The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, August 9th and 10th, when the staff attends the Global Leadership Summit in Coral Gables.

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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 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 —

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

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible — today at 9:00 a.m. in the church office.

The Study will be on hiatus until October.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, August 6th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, August 10th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff Meeting, August 6th, Noon, church office

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 5

Breakfast and the Bible – Church Office 9:00 a.m.
Worship – Communion - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Farewell Reception honoring James Potts – Patio following worship
Called Session meeting – Chapel following the reception for James
Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, August 6

A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Staff – Church Office Noon

Tuesday, August 7

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

Wednesday, August 8

Team of Chairs Calendar Planning meeting – Chapel 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 9

Church Office closed
Global Leadership Summit – Christ Journey Church, Coral Gables 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, August 10

A Time of Prayer - Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Church Office closed
Global Leadership Summit – Christ Journey Church, Coral Gables 9:30am – 5:30pm

Saturday, August 11

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

Sunday, August 12

Worship - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

WE GOTTA BE THERE FOR THE KIDS!

As James Potts leaves, we face a crucial turning point in our ministry to children. With James' departure and some dedicated volunteer teachers retiring after many years of faithful service, we need to repopulate our Sunday Children's Ministry team. That means, **we need your help**. As we do that, we will also be exploring some exciting new directions for this ministry.

First, beginning with our **kick-off Sunday on September 2nd**, we will be moving our new children's ministry (which will tentatively be called **WaumbaLand**) to the 10 AM hour. We will begin with a high energy opening gathering in the sanctuary with music and the Bible theme for the day. Then we will move to a newly-designed kid's space in the chapel for crafts, games and other creative ways of applying that theme to children's lives. We will also be using a brand-new curriculum that James researched while he was with us. We will end this time at 10:45 am, and then have our regular Sunday worship at 11 AM. This means, if you volunteer in this ministry, you will no longer need to miss worship! At the beginning, we will make this time intergenerational with parents and children learning together. After a period of time, we will give parents the option of staying in the sanctuary for a discussion time based on the sermon of the day while their kids do their activities in the chapel, or to continue as volunteers in **WaumbaLand**.

For this exciting new ministry to become all that it can be, we need folks willing to step up and volunteer — and that's where we need your help. I will be stepping away from my annual study leave to lead a **training workshop and orientation on Sunday, August 19th** after worship. We will provide you lunch, and you'll get to experience hands-on what we will be doing with the kids week-to-week, and how you can be involved. Then we will give you the option of taking what I call a First Serve opportunity. You can come out and do a few weeks of volunteering in

WaumbaLand and see if it is the right fit for you. If not, no worries, you can move on to explore other serving roles in the church. However, I think that once you see what we are up to, you are going to love it! Each week, we will be putting together something high energy, meaningful, and above all, fun! And you can be part of touching the lives of children and families with the amazing love of Jesus. What could be more awesome than that!

Now with this focus, I will need to channel more of my energies to getting this ministry up off the ground, and thus our Worship Team has made some adjustments to our previously announced Sunday schedule. We will be delaying the beginning of our Morning Light worship at 8:45 AM until January so that I can focus my energy on this new effort. In addition, during August and September, I will be taking a break from *Breakfast and the Bible* until I can make sure that this program gets up and running, and ask the folks normally involved there to join with me in helping get this Children's Ministry program off the ground. So, come out and be part of the new thing God is doing with children's ministry at First Church, it's going to be great! Just sign up on the form in the bulletin and join us on the 19th to learn more!

**AND BEING THERE FOR THE KIDS DOESN'T STOP THERE!
GRAB YOUR BACKPACK THIS SUNDAY AND BE PART OF
PROVIDING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AT
OUR PARTNER SCHOOL, HOLLYWOOD CENTRAL.
YOU WILL FIND THE LIST IN THE BULLETIN.**

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KENNEDY'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK AND IN THE WEEKS TO FOLLOW

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 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 take up the rest of the day.)

Thursday and Friday – Staff is away for the Willow Leadership Summit

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.

Beginning after Leadership Summit, I will be away for two weeks of study leave. During that time, Dr. Gene Roberts will be preaching and leading worship. I will return August 25th for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday.

Anxiety is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.

Arthur Somers Roche, Novelist and playwright

Anxiety is extremely contagious, but so is calm.

Dr. Harriet Lerner, Psychologist

A man who cannot find tranquility within himself will search for it in vain elsewhere.

Francois, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, 1613-1680

Busyness acts to repress our inner fears and personal anxieties, as we scramble to achieve an enviable image to display to others. We become “outward” people, obsessed with how we appear, rather than “inward” people, reflecting on the meaning of our lives.

James Houston

From God’s perspective, the peace you maintain as you pursue your vision may be more important than the fulfillment of your vision.

Andy Stanley

Peace is one of those things, like happiness, which we are sure to miss if we aim at them directly.

Dorothy L. Sayers

All desire peace, but very few desire those things that make for peace.

Thomas ‘A Kempis

The one who forgets the language of gratitude can never be on speaking terms with happiness.

Author unknown

The miracle of gratitude is that it shifts your perception to such an extent that it changes the world you see.

Robert Holden

It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

Brother David Steindl-Rast