

Welcome!
We are so glad you are here.

September 2, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

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Living into a Life of Joy, A Journey through Philippians

The Joy of Real Abundance

Philippians 4:10-23

The First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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Sanctuary - 11:00 A.M.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE - *Chorale and Variation* Ovid Young

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – Rejoice, the Lord Is King** # 155

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (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. Forgive us for when we lose sight of who You really are. For 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. Help us to be open to all 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.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***AMAZING GRACE (# 280, verse 3)**

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

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 4:10-23 (New Testament, **Page 199** in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Matthew 6:33, NRSV

**But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and
all these things will be given to you as well.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Be Thou My Vision** **#339**

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 - Steal Away arr. Harry Burleigh
Olu Dare, soloist

***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 Raymond Hockley, 1929-2012
‘The Order for Evening Prayer’ York Minster

**Eternal Father, through your Spirit delighting in the world, you created us
from joy and for joy: grant us a deeper knowledge of the joy which is ours
in Christ Jesus, that here our hearts may be glad, and in the world to come
our joy may be full: for with the Son and the Holy Spirit, you are our God,
now and forever. In the name of Jesus, our joy and our salvation, 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 - *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* Douglas Wagner**

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

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LAY READER – Constance Lees

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Linda Krysiak
in memory of her husband, Ed, and her mother, Mildred Pohle.**

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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 and Learning Centers' offices will be closed
Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day holiday.**

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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 —

WaumbaLand Worship, (our new children's Sunday school for kids ages 4-10),
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Boy Scout Troop 420, September 4th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — September 5th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — September 5th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Friday, September 7th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Koinonia Circle — September 8th, 10:00 a.m., in the home of Kathy Meyer

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KENNEDY'S SCHEDULE 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, blog posting, audio editing, and next Sunday's worship preparation/home visitations take up the day.

Monday – Office is closed for Labor 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 – 2 to 5 PM

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

Friday – 10:30 to 12:30 PM

(the rest of the day is reserved for sermon preparation and preparation for WaumbaLand.)

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.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2 – Kick-Off Sunday

- WaumbaLand – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Worship – Communion - Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 3 — Labor Day

Church and Learning Centers’ office closed

Tuesday, September 4

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

Wednesday, September 5

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

Thursday, September 6

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

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 9

- WaumbaLand – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Westminster Choir rehearsal. 10:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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I go around doing nothing but persuading both young and old not to care for your body or your wealth in preference to your soul.

Socrates

If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never.

Soren Kierkegaard, Philosopher

There is no wealth but life – life, including all its powers of love of joy, and of admiration. That country is richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings: that one is richest who, having perfected the functions of their own life to the utmost, has also the widest influence to help the lives of others.

John Ruskin

Our souls are not hungry for fame, comfort, wealth, or power. These rewards create almost as many problems as they solve. Our souls are hungry for meaning, for the sense that we have figured out how to live so that our lives matter, so that the world will be at least a little bit different for our having passed through it.

Rabbi Harold Kushner

We may have as much of God as we will. Christ puts the key of the treasure-chamber into our hand, and bid us take us all that we want. If a man is admitted into the bullion vault of a bank, and told to keep himself, and comes out with one cent, whose fault is it that Christian people generally have such scanty portions of the free riches of God?

Alexander McLaren, Streams in the Desert

Joy is to feel the doors of the self fly open into a wealth that is endless because none of it is ours and yet it all belongs to us.

William Sloan Coffin

Give me only the comfort of your presence and the joy of your love; with you I shall be more than rich and shall desire nothing more.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Jesuit Order

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

IT'S HOUSE MEETING TIME!

Every year in September, we take time to gather as a church community in individual homes to get to know each other, and to reflect on the things we would like to see changed in our larger community.

And these conversations don't simply end there, but they have the potential to go forward and make a real difference in the life of our city and county, even our state. For even as we share in these house meetings, we are joining with over twenty other congregations in Broward from Catholic to Lutheran to Baptist to Adventist who will be doing the same thing in their families of faith. These congregations partner with us in an initiative called **Bold Justice** to bring positive change to our communities. And as we share together, the Spirit of God moves and lifts up what particular issue God is calling us to address most directly in the coming year. Whatever issue arises, with God's help, we make change happen.

Several years ago, people in these house meetings shared how children were being arrested for very minor offenses, stealing a pack of gum or throwing an orange on a school bus, and thus receiving an arrest record - one that limited the rest of their life. We decided to take on that issue, and in the process discovered that Florida already had a solution, a youth diversion program called *Civil Citation*, that instead of arresting the child gave them a ticket that required them to make restitution and go through a program that would help them make better decisions. And this program worked! It saved governments money, turned kids away from crime, and gave them a second chance. Yet too many police departments were not implementing it widely. Because of our work in Bold Justice that changed, with thousands more kids not only in our county but across the state receiving civil citations. Last year, we even passed a bill in Tallahassee that widens this participation even more!

And this year, who knows what concern God will lead us to address. But beyond that very real impact, we have too few opportunities for folks in our church to come out and build relationships in smaller groups. These house meetings offer you a chance to experience those connections. So, come out beginning next Sunday or the two Sundays after to join in a house meeting experience. You'll find an insert in your bulletin where you can sign up. You'll enjoy some good food, get a chance to meet new folks or get to know folks better, and also to have a chance to share what you would like to see get better in our communities and county.

**THE SANCTUARY IS NOW COOLER;
SOON WILL BE SAFER FROM STORMS;
AND DANIEL WILLIAMS BECOMES OUR
FACILITIES WATCHMAN**

Over the past month, you might notice that the Sanctuary has not been as cool as normal, and for good reason: two out of the four units that cool this space were down. One of these had to be completely replaced. That was accomplished that about three weeks ago. The other could be repaired; but due to the age of the unit, it took a while to order the parts. This past week, we were able to finish that repair. Still, our AC contractor has let us know that likely our fourth AC unit, while functioning, is not long for this world. Your contributions to our **major repairs fund** enabled us to make these repairs, so thank you. If God has blessed you with extra funds, please know that this fund could use some replenishment after the AC work this summer.

Later in September, the hurricane shutters will go up, securing our priceless pieces of art – the stained-glass windows which inspire us each week - from storms, and making our entire sanctuary space more storm secure. Thank you to all who committed funds to make this crucial project happen!

Finally, this past week, the Session voted to offer the apartment in our education building to Daniel Williams in return for a monthly donation - and his willingness to serve as a night watchman over the campus. If you don't know Daniel, he is a member of our church; serves as a 5th grade teacher at Avant Garde Academy; and a leader in our new children's ministry, WaumbaLand. Daniel's presence will provide security for our campus, and his donation will help support and undergird our ministries. So, welcome Daniel to this new role!

WaumbaLand is here!

Join us each Sunday at 10 AM for music, a great story, and cool activities! For the month of September, it will be intergenerational for everyone to get acquainted and engaged with the program. Come out and see what it's all about!

House Meeting Sign-up

Come out in September and get to know your neighbors in the pew.

**At the same time,
share your hopes and concerns for our church and community!**

**Let's come together to build more connection
and community in our midst!**

**See below to sign up for the house meetings currently scheduled –
and check future Sunday bulletin for additional meetings.**

**Just circle the date and location that you are interested in,
provide your contact information, and we'll take it from there.
Your host will contact you with details.**

**Sunday, September 9th, 12:15 – 1:45pm
Host: Louise Hardenburg**

**Sunday, September 16th, 12:15 – 1:45pm
Host: Kennedy McGowan**

**Sunday, September 23rd, 12:15 – 1:45pm
Host: Leslie Young**

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____