

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

September 16, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.



The Fulfilled Life, The Jesus Way

Living Life Inside Out

Matthew 5:11-20

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan
September 16, 2018
Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE - *O God of Mercy, God of Light* arr. Mark Sedio

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! # 142**

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

***Live Into Hope (verse 4) # 332**

**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

**ANTHEM - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Ralph Carmichael
Westminster Choir**

SCRIPTURE READING – *Matthew 5:11-20* (New Testament, Page 4 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) John 3:16-17, The Message

This is how much God loved the world: God gave his Son, God's one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** # 298

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 - My Shepherd/The Lord Is My Shepherd arr. Kurt Kaiser
Mary Silvestro, flute

***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 an Ancient Celtic Prayer from Scotland

We are serene because you love us. Because you love us, nothing can move us from your peace. Because you love us, we are one to whom all good has come. Thank you, God! In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN – We Are Called to Be God's People** See insert

***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 - Finale in D Minor** Eric H. Thiman

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

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Lay Reader – Barbara Benoit

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Paula Cronin
in loving memory of Daniel (Tony) Cronin, beloved father and husband;
and in honor of our grandchildren:**

Connor Jenna, Rylie Danielle, Delaney Rose, and Clara Grace.

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, WaumbaLand, 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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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 18th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — September 19th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — September 19th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, September 17th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, September 21st: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Staff, September 17th, Noon, church office

Learning Center Board, September 17th, 4:30 p.m., chapel

Team of Chairs, September 17th, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Session, September 17th, 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16

- WaumbaLand – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Westminster Choir rehearsal..... 10:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.
- Bold Justice House Party – in the Chapel with Kennedy McGowan 12:15 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary & Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, September 17

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Staff Meeting — Church Office Noon
- Learning Center Board — Chapel 4:30 p.m.
- Team of Chairs — Chapel 6:00 p.m.
- Session — Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 22

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 23

- WaumbaLand – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Westminster Choir rehearsal..... 10:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.
- Bold Justice House Party – in the Chapel with Leslie Young 12:15 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary & Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

We Are Called to Be God's People

Thomas A. Jackson, Franz Joseph Haydn
AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D

**We are called to be God's people, Showing by our lives His grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, Sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us And remade us as His own;
Let us share our life together As we shall around His throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, Working in His world today;
Taking His own task upon us, All His sacred words obey,
Let us rise, then, to His summons, Dedicate to Him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, Quick to answer now His call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets, Speaking for the truth and right;
Standing firm for godly justice, Bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed, Our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing Of the doing of God's will.**



October 7, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
1558 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida

Please bring a dish to share with the
Congregation — one that represents your
ethnic and/or family heritage

NAME: _____

Number of people attending: _____

I will bring _____
to share.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

THE FOOD FAIR IS COMING! GET READY TO SHARE YOUR CULTURE!

Just this morning, I was visiting with a new parent in our Learning Center, and as we talked, I learned that he grew up in Hungary! I'm always amazed at the diversity of cultures and nationalities here in South Florida. Within just a few miles of our campus, you can find people from almost every country on earth! And every year, on the first Sunday of October, we get to celebrate this amazing variety of cultures in a wonderfully delicious way, our annual multi-cultural food fair.

On this Sunday as churches around the globe celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday, we continue our part in that celebration with a pot-luck feast on our patio. But for that to happen, we need your help! Bring a dish that reflects your culture or nationality, or even if you wish, a culture that you wish to adopt as your own. Whatever the case, bring something, and let's celebrate as one how God has called together this beautifully diverse community called First Presbyterian. And in case you need to work up your appetite.....

THE DAY BEFORE, HELP US UNLOAD THE PUMPKINS!

Every year, at this time, the extraordinary Pumpkin Patch returns to the western lawn of our campus, and when those pumpkins arrive, we need lots of help to unload them. On **Saturday, October 6th at 4 PM**, the Pumpkin truck will arrive, so come out and join in what may well be the most fun work you've ever done. At the end, you will see a wondrous field of orange as a result of your labors!

**So come out and help support this exciting weekend:
Pumpkins on Saturday, and a terrific multi-cultural potluck on Sunday!**

WaumbaLand is here! We had so many kids last Sunday (16 in all) that this week, I had to go pick up another table! 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!

WEEKLY QUOTES

Rescuing God from religion is how I'd put it. All these rules and regulations and locked doors keep God a prisoner who cannot be shared unless we do this, that, or the other.

Sinead O'Connor, Singer

(continued)

Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.

Blaise Pascal, Mathematician, Philosopher and Christian

Those who make religion their god will not have God for their religion.

Thomas Erskine of Linlathen

The kingdom of God can only be received by empty hands. Jesus warns against (a) worldly self-sufficiency: you trust yourself and your own resources and don't need God; (b) religious self-sufficiency: you trust your religious attitude and moral life and don't need Jesus.

Michael H. Crosby, Spirituality of the Beatitudes

The subtlety of sin is that it doesn't feel like sin when we're doing it; it feels godlike, it feels religious, it feels fulfilling and satisfying...

Eugene Peterson, Leap Over a Wall

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.

God speaking in the novel, The Shack by William Paul Young

Legalism fails miserably at the one thing it is supposed to do; encourage obedience.

Phillip Yancey, Christian writer

Grace is something you can never get but only be given. The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you. There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach and take it is a gift too.

Frederick Buechner, Novelist and Preacher

Grace fills empty spaces, but it can only enter where there is a void to receive it, and it is grace itself which makes this void.

Simone Weil, Writer

What once was hurt; What once was friction

What left a mark no longer stings

Because grace makes beauty out of ugly things

Bono, U2

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KENNEDY'S SCHEDULE 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, house meeting, blog posting and audio editing, take up the day.

Monday

(initial sermon preparation, staff meeting, Learning Center Board, Team of Chairs, and Session meeting take up the day.)

Tuesday - 10 to 12 and 2 to 3:30 PM

(preschool walk-around and Rotary takes 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 Session and 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.