

**Welcome!**  
**We are so glad you are here.**  
**September 9, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.**



**Leap For Joy!!**

**The Fulfilled Life, The Jesus Way**  
*The Freedom of the Upside-Down Life*

**Luke 6:17-26**

# First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

September 9, 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 - Morning Hymn** ..... Gordon Young

### PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

**\*HYMN – Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!** ..... # 138

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** ..... Adapted from St. Cyprian of Carthage, c. 200-258

This was written in the year of his martyrdom, to encourage his fellow-Christians under persecution

**Good God, may we confess your name to the end. May we emerge unsullied and glorious from the traps and dark powers of this world, and when we fail, to trust your grace and love. As you have bound us together in love and peace, and as, together, we have persevered through times of hardship, may we also rejoice together in your heavenly kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### A TIME OF SILENCE

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**\*God of Grace and God of Glory (verse 5)** ..... # 420

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore.**

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

**ANTHEM - How Beautiful** ..... Twila Paris

Carolyn Smylie, soloist

**SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 6:17-26** (New Testament, Page 64 in pew Bible)

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

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**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** . . . . . Adapted from St. Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make us an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, let us sow pardon. Where there is doubt, let us sow faith. Where there is despair, let us give hope. Where there is darkness, let us give light. Where there is sadness, let us give joy. O divine Spirit, grant that we may not try to be comforted, but to comfort; not try to be understood, but to understand; not try to be loved, but to love. Because it is in giving that we receive, in forgiving that we are forgiven, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – I Saw the Light** . . . . . Please see insert

**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 - With His Arms Open Wide** . . . . . Dave MacCoy  
Jared Schwartz, 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 Michael Perry, Pastor and Hymn Writer

**Jesus, Son of God, let your love shine through our eyes, your Spirit inspire our words, your wisdom fill our minds, your mercy control our hands, your will capture our hearts, your joy pervade our being; until we are changed into your likeness from glory to glory. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ..... # 441**

**\*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 - A Festive Trumpet Tune ..... Douglas Wagner**

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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 refreshments.**

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**Lay Reader – Kathleen Hinman**

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Adam Black family  
in memory of Tom Black.**

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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, 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](http://fpcoh.org)  
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar; and  
our Facebook page: [facebook.com/fpcoh/](https://facebook.com/fpcoh/)  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcoh.org](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building

**Learning Center chapel — September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

**Early Learning Center chapel — September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

### **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

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

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

### **MEETINGS —**

**Staff, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, Noon, church office

**Worship Team, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m., chapel

**Bold Justice, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, 10am – 2pm, chapel

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE —** September 15<sup>th</sup> for the October issue

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —**

**Circle 1, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:30 p.m. at Patron Azteca Mexican Restaurant  
(5181 Sheridan Street) for Taco Tuesday. Please RSVP to Kathryn at 954-444-6492.

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

### **Monday –2 to 5 PM**

(initial sermon preparation, staff meeting, and worship meeting take up the remaining time.)

### **Tuesday –2 to 3:30 PM**

(preschool walk-around and Bold Justice meeting 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 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.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 9**

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 Louise Hardenburg ..... 12:15 p.m.  
Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary & Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Monday, September 10**

A Time of Prayer – Chapel ..... 9:00 a.m. – Noon  
Staff Meeting — Church Office ..... Noon  
Worship Team — Chapel ..... 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, September 11**

Bold Justice Board Meeting – Chapel ..... 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Circle 1 – 5181 Sheridan Street ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building ..... 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, September 12**

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

### **Thursday, September 13**

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

### **Friday, September 14**

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

### **Saturday, September 15**

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

### **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.

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

*Dorothy L. Sayers*

**The danger is not lest the soul should doubt whether there is any bread,  
but lest, by a lie, it should persuade itself that it is not hungry.....**

*Simone Weil*

**The person who feels the emptiness of hunger for God is the opposite  
of the self-sufficient person. In this sense, *rich* means the proud, *rich* means  
even the poor who have no property, but who think they need nothing,  
not even God. This is the wealth that is abominable in God's eyes.**

*Oscar Romero, Martyred Archbishop of El Salvador*

**Humility or poverty of spirit is not a matter of thinking low thoughts about  
ourselves. It is not a matter of groveling in the dust. It is simply knowing  
ourselves as we really are. And when we see ourselves as we really are,  
we will see that we are poor.**

*John W. Miller, The Christian Way*

**The kingdom of God can only be received by empty hands.  
Jesus warns against 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*

**Deep inner peace, comes not with meeting our desires  
but in releasing ourselves from their power.**

*William Sloan Coffin*

**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*

**Peace is not a relationship of nations. It is a condition of mind brought  
about by a serenity of soul. Lasting peace can come only to peaceful people.**

*Horace E. DeLisser*

**If we are ever peacemakers, it is not without  
a good deal of war within our hearts.**

*Ruth Harrison Warren, Liturgy of the Ordinary*



## **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.

These conversations don't simply end there, but 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 to bring positive change to our communities called Bold Justice. 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. So 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. Instead of arresting the child, they were given a ticket that required them to make restitution and go through a program that would help them make better decisions. 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. That changed because of our work in Bold Justice, 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 a 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 beginning today or the next two Sundays, come out after worship to join in a house meeting experience. You'll find the 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 you know 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  
AND 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, and we 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; but 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, and if God has blessed you with extra funds, please know that this fund could use some replenishment after the AC work this summer.

And later in September, the hurricane shutters for our stained-glass windows will go up, securing these priceless pieces of art that inspire us each Sunday 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, a few weeks ago, 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, a member of our church, he serves as a 5<sup>th</sup> 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!**

## **I Saw The Light**

Hank Williams, Sr. (Copyright: Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music)

**I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear saviour in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light  
No more darkness no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light  
No more darkness no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I was a fool to wander and a-stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light  
No more darkness no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 – 1:45pm  
Host: Louise Hardenburg
  
- Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 – 1:45pm  
Host: Kennedy McGowan
  
- Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:15 – 1:45pm  
Host: Leslie Young

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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