

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

October 28, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.



The Fulfilled Life, The Jesus Way

What Real Community Looks Like

Matthew 5:21-24, 45-48, 7:1-6

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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October 28, 2018
Sanctuary - 11:00 A.M.

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

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *A Mighty Fortress* Wilbur Held

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* # 260**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from John Calvin, 1509-1564

O Lord, save us from and forgive us for self-centeredness in our prayers, and help us to remember to pray for others. May we be so lovingly absorbed with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as keenly as our own, and intercede for them sensitively, with understanding and imagination. We ask this in Christ’s name. 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.

ANTHEM – *It Is Well with My Soul* John Ness Beck

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:21-24, 45-48, 7:1-6 (New Testament, Page 4 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) 1 John 4:7-8, 19-21, NIV

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love..... We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Though I May Speak** # 335

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON KATHLEEN HINMAN

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.)*

Offertory Anthem – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Gilbert Martin

***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 the Prayer of an African Christian

O God, enlarge our heart, that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love. Stretch our heart that it may take into it all those who with us around the world believe in Jesus Christ. Stretch it that it may take into it all those who do not know him, but who are our responsibility because we know him. And stretch it, that it may take in all those who are not lovely in our eyes, and whose hands we do not want to touch; through Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN – Called as Partners in Christ's Service** # 343

***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 Trumpet Promenade** Randy Runyon

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

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Lay Reader – Louise Hardenburg

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jerry and Judy Gensel
in memory of Chuck Beverly.**

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Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcOH.org

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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, *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/](https://www.facebook.com/fpcOH/)

Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcOH.org

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

WaumbaLand — (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary/chapel

Boy Scout Troop 420, October 30th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — October 31st, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — October 31st, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

Aftercare chapel — November 2nd, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, October 29th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, November 2nd: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

Staff meeting – October 29th, Noon, Church Office

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**Daylight Saving Time ENDS next Sunday,
November 4th!!**



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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 – WaumbaLand, worship, blog posting and audio editing take up the day.

Monday, 2 to 4:30 PM (initial sermon and worship preparation, and staff meeting
take up the rest of 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
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, October 28

Bell Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m.
WaumbaLand – Sanctuary / Chapel 10:00 a.m.
WaumbaLand Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Westminster Choir rehearsal..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary & Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 29

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

Tuesday, October 30

Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.
Community Problems Assembly – 3033 NW 33rd Avenue, Lauderdale Lakes 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 31

Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Halloween on Harrison Outreach – Pumpkin Patch 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 1

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

Friday, November 2

A Time of Prayer - Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
After Care Chapel - Sanctuary 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Share-A-Meal – Church kitchen 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 4 – Pumpkin Sunday – Daylight Saving Time Ends

Bell Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m.
WaumbaLand – Sanctuary / Chapel 10:00 a.m.
WaumbaLand Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Westminster Choir rehearsal..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship – Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.
Pumpkin Celebration Lunch – Patio following worship
Word of God Bible Church – Sanctuary & Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

JOIN US AT ST. HELEN'S THIS TUESDAY!

In September, almost 30 of you attended one of the three house meetings, we had after worship to share what issues concern you most in our community. At those meetings, we heard concerns about everything from crime to guns to homelessness. All of your concerns went to an assembly where folks from our church and the other churches of Bold Justice narrowed them down through a vote to the four top issues that were heard the most around our county. What were they? The four top issues are:

Healthcare

Homelessness

Mental Health Care

School Safety

And now that's where you and St. Helen's comes in. On October 30th, we will be gathering with our sister churches in **Bold Justice** to vote what will be the new issue God wants us to tackle in the coming 6 months. And get this! Whatever that issue will be in six months, we will have moved our elected leaders to do something about it. How do I know that? It's because for about 15 years, Bold Justice has done that every time. And sometimes, in 6 months, we got our public leaders to do a bunch of things. Last year, in six months, we got the state attorney to start doing surprise inspections of problematic nursing homes. We got the Sheriff to commit over a \$100,000.00 to train more of his deputies on how to deal with the mentally ill. And together with churches across the state, we got a bill passed in Tallahassee to help prevent kids from being arrested for minor offenses and instead go into a program to turn them away from crime! In other words, **We Get Things Done**. But we need your help to get things done, and that begins with you showing up **at St. Helen's on October 30th at 7:30 PM**. You don't have to go far. You can find the church right off of Oakland Park Boulevard just east of 441. The exact address is **3033 NW 33rd Avenue, Lauderdale Lakes**. So let's make a difference, and give our votes for what we want to see get done in our county in the next 6 months. Sign up on the insert, and join me on October 30th at St. Helen's, and let's together get some things done.

HERE IS THE LOBBY WISH LIST!

As I've been sharing, we are going to be making some changes to freshen up our lobby, and as part of that we have been researching a few pieces that might look good in the space. You'll see them on the screen today in worship. Here is the price list.

- For a new table to grace our front entrance and replace the worn one there now, the cost would be \$80.00
- For two new chairs to go on either side, the cost would be \$90.00 each.
- For a new mirror that will replace the Last Supper needlepoint, the cost is \$150.00
- For a new storage area to replace the messy desk by our side entrance, the cost would be \$150.00, and the baskets to go in them are only \$4.00 apiece.
- And for a new welcome desk that we will station as people come in, the cost is 170.00.

If you'd like to make a special contribution, just put your gift in an envelope and mark it lobby or if you'd like to buy a specific item then put that item name on your envelope along with your gift. Together, let's make our lobby a more welcome and attractive place for those who walk in our doors.

**COME CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN BY BEING PART OF OUR OUTREACH
TO THE CROWDS OF KIDS THAT VISIT HARRISON STREET EACH YEAR.
WE'LL BE GATHERING AT THE PATCH NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO
HARRISON TO OFFER CANDY AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE ON THIS HUGE HOLIDAY
IN OUR COMMUNITY.
SIGN UP ON THE INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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A PERSONAL WORD

A Way to Think About Amendment 4

Over the last few weeks, I have felt God prompting me to do something that I have never done before as a pastor: share some thoughts on an issue on the ballot this November. I do not do this lightly, and I want to make it clear that **I do not speak on behalf of this church but am simply sharing a personal word as your pastor** on what insight I see in the Christian Gospel on this very particular issue, Amendment 4, a proposed amendment to our state constitution. The words are not actually my own, though they speak my heart. They come from a spokesperson for a prominent conservative faith-based group. And his words show that no matter your political leanings, this is a position that, for Christians at least, bridges those political divides. I hope that this reflection will be helpful to you as you make your own decision on this important issue. Here is the editorial by Keith Den Hollander, the National Field Director of the Christian Coalition of America.

How would you like the rest of your life to be forever identified by your worse moment or worst mistake? What if that moment defined you, emblazoned forever on you like a scarlet letter? Some people do. In Florida, and only three other states, a felony conviction will cost you your eligibility to vote for the rest of your life. The Christian Coalition of America supports Amendment 4, because it seeks to remedy this broken system.

I am so glad that the redemption that we experience as Christians isn't that kind of redemption. It isn't a half redemption, but rather after Jesus paid our penalty, we have been fully restored into a right relationship with God. We are called sons and daughters of God and are entitled to all of the privileges that come with being "family." We often hear about people who have committed a crime paying their debt to society as ordered by a judge. Much like we see in the Bible, once a debt is paid, we are restored into a right relationship with God. Along with being in a right relationship, we should also be fully restored to the rights and privileges that come with that relationship. Anything less would be to say that we don't actually believe that the debt has been paid, and that "payment" should continue to be exacted from you for a debt that has been settled.

If a mortgage company tried to collect on a paid off house or a bank on a paid off car, most of us wouldn't stand for it. Why then do we stand by and let those with a paid off debt to society continue to be charged year after year. It makes no sense. Most of us are familiar with the term debtors' prison. The Bible also says that "the borrower" is a slave to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7 NIV). For so long as we feel indebted to someone or something, we can never be free, which is what our soul longs to be.

That is why it isn't just to declare someone free, while continuing to hold them captive. It isn't just to declare a debt paid, while continuing to demand payment. And it isn't just to claim to believe in redemption, while denying it to others.

We all want to be forgiven for our worst moments in life. As the English poet, Alexander Pope so famously said "to err is human, to forgive is divine." As Christians more divinity is what we strive for, and forgiving those who have trespassed against society, and restoring them to a right relationship is just a little more divine, and why we are supporting Amendment 4.

**Let us labor to make the heart grow larger as we become older,
as the spreading oak gives more shelter.**

(John) Richard Jefferies, Writer, 1848-1887

It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.

Irish Proverb

What life have you without community?

T.S. Eliot

Community is the place where the person you least want to live with always lives.

Henri Nouwen

**Congregations are not just places to be reminded of what one ought to do.
They are spaces where “ought” is put in cosmic perspective.**

Nancy Tatum Ammerman in Congregation and Community

**Understanding a person does not mean condoning; it only means that
one does not accuse him as if one were God or a judge placed above him.**

Erich Fromm

**To die to our neighbors means to stop judging them, to stop evaluating them,
and thus to become free to be compassionate. Compassion can never coexist
with judgment because judgment creates the distance, the distinction,
which prevents us from really being with the other.**

Henri Nouwen

**You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer, and even once say “I.”
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say ‘my.’
Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for another.
For to ask for “our” daily bread, you include your sister and brother!
All God's children are included in each and every plea.
From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say “me.”**

Charles Royden

**If we are not as yet joined one to another in love,
we most surely are in sin, and sin is a wonderful bond because it
precludes the possibility of separation through judgment.**

William Sloan Coffin

A church....where everyone is safe but no one is comfortable.

Adapted from the Invitation to the Refuge, a Christian community in Denver

We Get Things Done.

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY SIGN-UP

October 30th at 7:30 PM.

St. Helen Catholic Church

3033 NW 33rd Avenue, Lauderdale Lakes

(just east of 441 off Oakland Park Boulevard just east of 441.)

- Yes, I will join Pastor Kennedy and attend the assembly on October 30th!!**

Church Evolution Team's
HALLOWEEN ON HARRISON TEAM

a special Halloween outreach on our Pumpkin Patch
to the trick-or-treaters that come to Harrison Street
each year on October 31st.

Meet at 6:30 p.m. in The Pumpkin Patch.

I am interested in becoming part of the
Halloween on Harrison Team.

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Place the completed form in the offering plate.
Someone will be in touch with you.

PUMPKIN SUNDAY CELEBRATION

November 4th,
following 11:00 a.m. worship

Vote for best pumpkin dish or dessert
and best orange dish or dessert!!

The popular vote wins!!

Prize: a gift card

Let us know what will you bring?

Name _____

Number of adults: _____

Number of children: _____

Place the completed form in the offering plate
or return to the church or school office by Nov. 1st.



***Helping provide food to families in need
at Hollywood Central Elementary.***

***You may also give a gift certificate
to purchase a turkey or ham.***

NO CASH PLEASE



VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

November 11th, 11:00 a.m.

If you are a Veteran, we ask that you provide us with a picture of you in uniform, and let us know the branch of service in which you served and the dates of service and where. You may e-mail your pictures, or bring them to the church office. **We will need the photo by November 5th** in order to prepare an on-screen presentation for worship on the 11th.

(Veterans who participated in last year's worship service: we have your pictures – no need to send them again!!)

NAME: _____

Phone: _____

Branch of service: _____

Years served: _____

Where did you serve: _____
