

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

November 11, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

**WE RISE
BY LIFTING
OTHERS**

It's All About the Gratitude

The Gifts and the Giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

First Presbyterian Church

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – Hymn (Psalm 42:8) Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

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

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Colin Semper, b. 1938
Anglican Priest and former BBC broadcaster**

Lord, everything we have, all that we are, comes from you. Our gifts, our talents, all our possibilities belong to us only because they come directly from you. Forgive us for when we belittle these things of yours or use them unwisely or even bury them away. May we use all that you have given us to make your love better known to the people of our neighborhood and to the people of the world. In the name of the One who is Light of the world we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #356 (verse 3)**

**O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**

ANTHEM – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Ralph Carmichael

Westminster Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (New Testament, Page 182 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

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RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) 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 master, 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 – All Things Bright and Beautiful** # 267

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 – He Will Carry You Scott Wesley Brown
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 Jim Cotter
Anglican Priest and Writer, 1942-2014

Lord, we remember those who risked their lives and even died in those places and times where madness ruled the world and evil sought to overwhelm good. We remember those we know or knew and those whose very name is lost. Because of their sacrifice, may we renew our fight against cruelty and injustice, against prejudice, tyranny, and oppression. Still we cry to God out of the darkness of our divided world. Let not the hope of men and women perish. Let not new clouds rain death upon the earth. Turn to yourself the hearts of rulers and of peoples, that a new world may arise where men and women live as friends in the bond of your peace. In Jesus' name, who is the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN– Love Divine, All Loves Excelling..... # 376**

***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– *Toccata Francais* Gordon Young**

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

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Lay Reader – Kathleen Hinman

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**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.**

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The church and Learning Centers' offices will be closed

**Monday, November 12th for the Veterans Day holiday.
A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Jerry Gensel will be held
Saturday, November 17th, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

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web site at: fpcoh.org facebook.com/fpcoh/

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/
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.
Waumbaland will NOT meet on November 25th**

Boy Scout Troop 420, November 13th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — November 14th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — November 14th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

Aftercare chapel — November 16th, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Friday, November 16th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

NEWSLETTER —

The deadline for the December issue is November 15th.

WORSHIP —

There will be one worship service on November 25th: 11:00 a.m.

No WaumbaLand or 10a.m. worship that day.

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LOOKING AHEAD: Hanging of the Greens, December 1st, 6 p.m.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 11 – Veterans Honored

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, November 12

Church and Learning Centers' offices closed for Veterans Day holiday.

Tuesday, November 13

Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2 nd floor of Education Building	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, November 14

Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
Book Club – Chapel.....	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 15

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

Friday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 17

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Christ Jesus College and Seminary wedding – Sanctuary	Noon
Wedding reception - Rice Room	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Memorial Service for Jerry Gensel - Sanctuary	2:00 p.m.
Memorial Service reception – patio	following the service

Sunday, November 18

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.

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.

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A WORD FROM KENNEDY

GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFTS

Over the years, God has continued to make remarkable provisions for this church, even as it has faced challenge after challenge. In recent years, our Learning Center ministries have had surpluses of well over a \$100,000 per year, which have helped undergird our on-going expenses, even as those surplus funds have enabled us to make needed improvements to these important ministries. In addition, through partnerships with other churches, who share our space, we have been able to share the costs of maintaining our beautiful sanctuary. Yet, as welcome as all those financial provisions remain, the central reality remains. Without the generous and often sacrificial giving of the members of this church family, the ministry of this church would end. You, the folks who gather in this space Sunday after Sunday, remain the core support that enable this ministry to happen, not only with your time and talents, but with your financial gifts. As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to say thank you. Life today, even with all its blessings, still can be so financially challenging; and it blesses me to see how you continue to give in the face of those challenges.

This year, beyond sustaining our many on-going ministries, your gifts have moved us forward in so many remarkable ways. Your gifts helped us create a brand-new worship service/children's ministry in WaumbaLand that is reaching more children in our community than ever before. Even on our lowest Sundays, we have more kids and adults attending than we had on our best Sundays a year ago in these ministries! Your gifts enabled us to bring on not only a new music director, but talented singers to bless our worship each Sunday. And with special gifts this year, we continued to underwrite our work with

orphans in Haiti, our care for the needy of Hollywood with Share-A-Meal; our work in protecting the elderly and young through Bold Justice, and we were also able to provide storm protection for the priceless stained glass windows in our sanctuary. Thank you so much!

As we approach the close of this year, please continue to give generously; and if God has blessed you with added resources, consider how you can strengthen that giving in 2019, so that this church can continue to share with our community and world how God loves them no matter what!

SPEAKING OF GIFTS.....

This past week, Rich Ferrara, gifted me with two moving pieces, a prayer and a poem that are particularly appropriate on this Veterans Day.

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for but got everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all people, most richly blessed.

*A prayer found in the pocket of a dead unknown Confederate soldier on the battlefield at Antietam,
Where over 26,000 Americans, Union and Confederate died, on the bloodiest day in American history.*

Just a Common Soldier

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.....

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

Excerpted and adapted from a 1987 poem by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

**A Blessed Veterans Day to you all, and please remember to thank
our veterans for their service and sacrifice, and pray
for those serving our nation in harm's way right now.**

The day, water, sun, moon, night – I do not have to purchase these things with money.

Titus Maccius Plautus, Playwright, 254-184

I thought perhaps the world was more than just a fine place, that perhaps it was a domed cathedral and we only had to recognize and accept that simple fact to enjoy all the gifts of both heaven and earth.

James Lee Burke, Last Car to Elysian Fields

Be thankful for the smallest blessing. And you will deserve to receive greater. Value the least gifts no less than the greatest, and simple gifts as especial favors. If you remember the dignity of the Giver, no gift will seem small or mean, for nothing can be valueless that is given by the most high God.

Thomas A'Kempis

To follow Jesus means going beyond the limits of our own comfort and safety. It means receiving our lives as gifts instead of guarding them as.....possessions.

Barbara Brown Taylor

And when we give each other....gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit – and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused – and to save us from our own foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us himself.

Sigrid Unset, Norwegian Novelist

God's love doesn't seek value, it creates value. It is not because we have value that we are loved, but because we are loved that we have value.

Our value is a gift, not an achievement.

William Sloan Coffin

Money is a good servant but a bad master.

H.G. Bohn, Handbook of Proverbs

There are three conversions necessary in the Christian life: the conversion of the heart, the mind, and the purse.

Martin Luther

It is not money that poisons the soul; it is being anxious about it.

William Sloan Coffin



***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