

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

November 18, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

REMEMBER THIS:

the one who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully

2 Corinthians 9:6

It's All About the Gratitude

Living Life in the Garden

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

First Presbyterian Church

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26th Sunday after Pentecost

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Sanctuary - 11:00 A.M.

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

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *We Gather Together* Neil Harmon

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN** – **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** # 551

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from a prayer from Nigeria

O Almighty God, we humbly ask you to make us like trees planted by the waterside, that we may bear fruits of good living in due season. Forgive our past offences, sanctify us now, and direct all that we should be in the future; for Christ’s sake we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness (# 276, verse 3)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

ANTHEM – *A Song of Thanksgiving* Sue Farrar

Westminster Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING – **2 Corinthians 9:6-15** (New Testament, Page 183 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

It's All About the Gratitude

Living Life in the Garden

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Luke 6:38, The Message

**Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back –
given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way.
Generosity begets generosity.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Seek Ye First** # 333

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 – Let All Things Now Living David Cherwien

***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 Erasmus, 1469-1536

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the sun that always rises, but never sets. You are
the source of all life, creating and sustaining every living thing. You are the
source of all food, material and spiritual, nourishing us in both body and soul.
You are the light that dispels the clouds of error and doubt, and goes before
us every hour of the day, guiding our thoughts and our actions. May we walk
in your light, be nourished by your food, be sustained by your mercy, and be
warmed by your love. And may these gifts go forth to shine in the darkness,
to feed this world with your mercy and love. In the name of the one who is
the light of the world we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Now Thank We All Our God** # 555

***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 – Harvest Fanfare** Gilbert M. Martin
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**Visitors and members, following worship,
please join us on the patio for refreshments.**

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Lay Reader – Joseph Moniz

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Joan Henry
and the Robert Henry family in memory of Bob Henry.**

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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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**The church and Learning Centers' offices will be closed
Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd, for Thanksgiving.**

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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.

— 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.**
ON NOVEMBER 25th, WAUMBALAND WILL NOT MEET.

Boy Scout Troop 420, November 20th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel — Monday, November 19th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY — A family-friendly, intergenerational event exploring the journey through Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Come out and enjoy the fun, and make your own Advent wreath to use at home for years to come. This will take place in the chapel on **Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm. Space is limited. Use the sign-up page in your bulletin; or email Pastor Kennedy at kennedym@fpcOH.org to let him know you plan to attend.**

MEETINGS —

Learning Center Board, November 19th, 4:30 p.m., chapel

Team of Chairs, November 19th, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Session, November 19th, 7:00 p.m., chapel

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Deborah Circle, November 19th, 11:30 a.m., chapel

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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 – 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 4 PM (The rest of the day is taken up with staff meeting and Session meeting preparation.)

Tuesday – 9 to 10:30 and 2 to 4 (Mid-day Bold Justice meeting on mental health takes up the day)

Wednesday – (This day is taken up with festivities at the Learning Center for Thanksgiving, pastoral visits and finalizing things for my time away.)

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.

Sunday, November 25th, Reverend Pat Ashley will be preaching while I am away for a few days celebrating my son's birthday at LegoLand. I will look forward to being back with you on Sunday, December 2nd.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

CALENDAR

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.

Monday, November 19

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- Deborah Circle – Chapel 11:30 p.m.
- Staff Meeting — Church Office Noon
- Learning Center Board – Chapel 5:30 p.m.
- Team of Chairs – Chapel 6:00 p.m.
- Session – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Day

Church and Learning Centers’ offices closed.

Friday, November 23

Church and Learning Centers’ offices closed.

Saturday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 25

- Bell Choir rehearsal 9:30 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.

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

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

IMPROVING OUR WELCOME!

Over the past couple of weeks, we've been able to try out some new changes to our lobby and been able to do so at minimal expense! We've simply removed some pieces of furniture that didn't work or moved them to places where they worked better. And in the coming weeks, volunteers in our church will do some refurbishing to some beautiful pieces that we already have so that they can be modernized to make the space work better. Special thanks go to **Jason Charles and Helmi Koedam** who will be doing this work, to **Steven and Cynthia Silvestro** who helped locate a new mirror and table to use, to **Andrea Mulack** who donated a beautiful tablecloth and to **Mary Silvestro** who ably led the Church Evolution team that enabled all these things to happen! And please let us know your thoughts as we seek best how to make the entryway into our beautiful worship area as inviting and friendly as possible to all.

And speaking of inviting and friendly, what ultimately will help people connect and feel welcomed into our wonderful church family will be how intentionally welcoming and connecting that we are! While certainly everyone has a role to play in this work, as the old adage goes, "if it is everyone's job, it usually turns out to be no-one's job." So, we are looking for people who would be interested in being part of a Sunday morning welcome team. This work would involve a training of about one hour that would help you more effectively welcome and connect our guests in worship to this church community, and then being engaged at least one Sunday a month on our worship welcome team. Please sign up on the Hospitality Team insert in the bulletin today, and look for more information on a training that will be held sometime in early December.

**ALSO, SIGN UP FOR OUR ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH. LEARN ABOUT ADVENT AND MAKE
YOUR OWN WREATH THAT YOU CAN USE IN YOUR HOME
DURING THIS HOLY SEASON OF THE YEAR.**

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**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

**The tragedy of modern man is not that he knows less and less about the meaning
of his own life, but that it bothers him less and less.**

Vaclav Havel, Writer, Dissident and former President of Czech Republic in Letters to Olga

**People have succeeded in accumulating a greater mass of objects,
but the joy in the world has grown less.**

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

**If we look to created things to give us the meaning, hope and happiness
that only God himself can give, it will eventually break our hearts.**

Tim Keller

With God nothing is empty of meaning.

Saint Irenaeus

The secret isn't counting the beans. It's growing more beans.

Robert Goizueta, President, Coca-Cola, 1981-97

**The true meaning of life is to plant trees under
whose shade you do not expect to sit.**

Nelson Henderson

**So why not try abundance? At best, you'll experience abundance. At worst,
you'll get the scarcity you've already been experiencing.**

John Maxwell, Leadership expert

**Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered,
you will never grow.**

Ronald E. Os, Cleric

**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

THIS ONE WAS WORTH SHARING AGAIN.....

As we end this Veteran's Day week and come off the centennial of the end of World War I, I wanted to share once more the two moving pieces that we shared last week, courtesy of Rich Ferrara who passed them along.

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.)

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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)



**DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 9TH**

***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

**Church Evolution Team's
HOSPITALITY TEAM**

I am interested in becoming part of the
Hospitality Team.

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

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

Advent Wreath Workshop



November 28th, 6:30 p.m.

In the Chapel

NAME _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number attending:

Adults ____ Children ____

2018 Holiday Schedule

- November 25 Worship - 11:00 a.m. — Worship
- November 28 Advent Wreath Workshop - 6:30 p.m.
- December 1 Hanging of the Greens - 6:00 p.m.
- December 2 WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m. — Communion
- December 9 WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m. — Baptism
Deadline for Christmas Food donations
Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale, Noon
- December 16 WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
- December 19 Learning Centers' Christmas Pageant (call 954-922-8558 for details.)
- December 23 WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m.
- December 25 Merry Christmas!!
And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7
- December 30 WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
- January 6, 2019 WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m. — Communion
Take down Christmas decorations /Multicultural Christmas lunch following worship