

**Welcome!**  
**We are so glad you are here.**

**November 4, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.**



***The Fork in the Road***

**The Fulfilled Life, The Jesus Way**

***The Truly Fulfilled Life***

**Matthew 7:13-29**

**The First Presbyterian Church**  
1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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November 4, 2018  
Sanctuary - 11:00 A.M.

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**\*Please stand if you are able. Please, no applause during the worship service**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE - All Creatures of Our God and King** . . . . . arr. Bill Ingram  
Handbell Choir

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – For All the Saints (verses 1 - 4).** . . . . . **# 526**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON)** . . . . . Adapted from Guigo de Castro, 1083-1137

**Lord...How much water you can draw from a single well. How great a fire you can kindle from a tiny spark. How great a tree you can grow from a tiny seed. Our souls get so parched that by ourselves we cannot love, yet you can draw from us boundless love for you and for our neighbors. Our souls get so cold that by ourselves we have no joy, yet you can light the fire of heavenly joy within us. Our souls get so feeble that by ourselves, we have no faith, but by your power our faith can grow to a great height. Forgive us for when we doubt what you can do in our lives no matter how parched or cold or feeble we may seem to be. Let us always be full of prayer, full of love, full of joy, full of faith. In the name of the one who is the source of all good things, we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*AMAZING GRACE (# 280, verse 3)**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**

**ANTHEM – *The First Song of Isaiah*** ..... Jack Noble White  
Westminster Choir  
Mary Silvestro and Luann Myers, handbells

*Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 7:13-29** (New Testament, **Page 7** in pew Bible)

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

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*The Truly Fulfilled Life*

**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** ..... I John 4:16b-20, NRSV

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Here Is Love** ..... **Please see insert**

**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 - *O Rest in the Lord*** ..... Felix Mendelssohn

**\*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 Jane Grasyon  
Midwife and writer, afflicted with chronic pain for 30 years

**May we long not for the smoothness of sand which looks good, and feels flat, and is easy to walk on but will not withstand a storm. May we build our hopes on you. Though you may not prevent the storms, you keep us Firm within them. So even if we're battered, we cannot fall except deeper into a crevice in the rock; deeper into you. In the name of the One who is our Rock and Refuge we pray. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*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 - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*** . . . . . arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick  
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**web site at: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org) [facebook.com/fpcOH/](https://www.facebook.com/fpcOH/)**

**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 a Pumpkin Sunday Celebration!**

**LAY READER – Daniel Williams**

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Kathryn Tyahla  
in memory of loved ones.**

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**Our love and prayers go out to Radica Mohan and her family following  
the passing on October 27<sup>th</sup> of Radica's husband, Earl.**

**Our love and prayers go out to Judy Gensel and her family following  
the passing on October 30<sup>th</sup> of Judy's husband, Jerry. Jerry's life will be celebrated  
in a Memorial Service on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.**

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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 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 narthex 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.  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcOH.org](mailto:landerson@fpcOH.org) >**

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## BOARD OF DEACONS —

**A Deacons Fund offering will be received today.**

These gifts will go to help members of our church and community when they face financial distress, or to help folks in need who God places in our path. Please use the envelope provided in next week's bulletin.

Just a reminder, we continue to collect non-perishable food items, hygiene supplies and gently used or new sneakers and blue jeans for the Jubilee Center. You may place these items in the narthex area.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

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

**Boy Scout Troop 420, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building**

**Learning Center chapel — November 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary**

**Early Learning Center chapel — November 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., West Wing**

**After Care chapel — November 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., sanctuary**

## BOOK CLUB 2018- 2019 —

The Book Club meets **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., in the chapel,** with ***The Rent Collector*, by Camron Wright.** Discussions are led by Ellen Yamrick, retired librarian.

**CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

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

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

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

**MEETINGS —**

**Staff Meeting – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., Church Office**

**Presbytery of Tropical Florida – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m., First Pres., Delray**

**Learning Center Board – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m., Chapel**

**Worship Team – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., Chapel**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —**

**Circle I — November 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., chapel**

**Koinonia Circle — November 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., in the home of Kathy Meyer**

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## CALENDAR

### **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.

### **Monday, November 5**

A Time of Prayer – Chapel .....	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Staff Meeting — Church Office .....	10:00 a.m.

### **Tuesday, November 6**

Presbytery of Tropical Florida – First Pres., Delray .....	9:30 a.m.
Circle I – Chapel .....	5:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building .....	7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, November 7**

Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary .....	10:30 a.m.
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### **Thursday, November 8**

Word of God Bible Church – Chapel .....	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
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### **Friday, November 9**

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

### **Saturday, November 10**

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel .....	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Koinonia Circle – in Kathy Meyer’s home.....	10:00 a.m.

### **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.

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**WORD FROM KENNEDY**

**GIVING TO BRING PEACE HERE AND EVERYWHERE**

**TWO POWERFUL NIGHTS FOR  
PEACE AND CHANGE**

This past week, on two amazing nights, we gathered together to stand for peace in the face of violence, and for real change in areas of real brokenness in our community. And boy, how you came out. I saw so many of you at Temple Beth El, where we joined Rabbi Tuffs, and Jewish, Christian, and Islamic leaders and hundreds and hundreds of our neighbors to grieve the 11 lost in Pittsburgh, to pray for healing for those wounded, and to stand up and say that such violence and bigotry should have no place in this world - especially in this nation, which has been and continues to be such a beacon of freedom and justice for so many. God was moving in that beautiful sanctuary, bringing us together to remind us that in the face of such evil, God's love will always have the last word.

And then the very next night, 15 of you (the highest number we've ever had for a Bold Justice community problems assembly!), joined with almost 350 of our neighbors from across Broward County to decide what issue God is calling us to tackle and address in the coming months. At 65 house meetings across Broward - attended by over 500 people – four issues rose to the surface:

Healthcare  
Homelessness

Mental Health Care  
School Safety

On Tuesday, we had folks voting for each of them, but we decided that as the majority of our folks were voting for mental health to cast our 15 votes there. We felt that dealing with mental health would help address school safety (dealing with troubled youth) and homelessness (so many homeless are mentally ill), and of course, it encompassed healthcare also. It turned out that the majority of the assembly agreed, and mental health became the key issue, followed by healthcare and school safety in second and third place. Now folks will gather to do research on this issue, meet with public leaders, and develop real solutions that we can move those leaders to take action on by the time of our major gathering, the Nehemiah Assembly on April 1<sup>st</sup>. That's right, in six months, we will get something done! We will continue to work on past issues, such as senior care and juvenile justice, moving forward and achieving more things there, too. If you would like to work on any of these issues, you can join a research team, looking into solutions. Look here for more information on the research kick-off event which will be happening later in November.



## 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.

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

*Thomas Erskine of Linlathen*

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

*Blaise Pascal, Mathematician and Christian*

**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*

**The best argument for Christianity is Christians: their joy, their certainty,  
their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is  
also Christians – when they are somber and joyless, when they are  
self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are  
narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths.**

*Sheldon Vanauken, A Severe Mercy*

**Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is looking for God.**

G.K. Chesterton, Novelist and Christian

**If anyone thinks that Christians regard unchastity as the supreme vice, he is quite wrong. The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins. All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual: the pleasure of putting other people in the wrong, of bossing and patronizing and spoiling sport, and back-biting; the pleasure of power, and hatred.... Thus a cold self-righteous prig who goes regularly to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute.**

*C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

**Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life;  
not a philosophy of life, but a life and living process.**

*Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Poet*

**Christianity is not a collection of truths to be believed, of laws to be obeyed, of prohibitions. That makes it very distasteful. Christianity is a person, one who loved us so much, one who calls for our love. Christianity is Christ.**

*Oscar Romero, Martyred Archbishop of El Salvador*

**The main thing about Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and the atmosphere produced by that relationship. That is all God asks us to look after, and it is the one thing that is being continually assailed.**

*Oswald Chambers*

**I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.**

*C.S. Lewis*

## **KENNEDY'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

Here are the unscheduled times this week when 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 – 1 to 4:30 PM**

(initial sermon and worship preparation, and staff meeting,  
take up the rest of the day.)

### **Tuesday**

I will be out of the office this day for a doctor's appointment  
and to do volunteering at the polls.

### **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.



## **VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>** in order to prepare an on-screen presentation for worship on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**(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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Here is Love**

**William Rees & William Williams/ Robert Lowry**

**Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving-kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love.**

**Let me all thy love accepting, Love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only. And my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, Nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.**

**In Thy truth Thou dost direct me By Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting, As I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness thou art pouring Thy great love and power on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless, Drawing out my heart to Thee.**