

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Child-friendly Family Worship — Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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

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Welcome to WaumbaLand!

We are so glad you are here.

December 16, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

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Our WaumbaLand service is on the screen.

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Welcome to WaumbaLand!

He's the King

Jesus Loves It When We Live in Joy!

Waumba!

Into the Bible!

Mary Gets Help

Jesus Loves It When We Live in Joy!

Waumba!

The Giving Plate

It's Time to go Into WaumbaLand!

Give It Away!

Classic Worship — Sanctuary - 11:00 A.M.

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. John Innes

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY

***HYMN** – *Angels We Have Heard on High* # 23

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from The Roman Missal

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Forgive us for those times when we lose touch of that warmth, when we get lost in the darkness. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of Christ's coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcome the light of his truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (# 8, verse 3)**

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee, here, Lord abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

ANTHEM – *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. James Denton
Carolyn Smylie, soloist

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:14-18 (New Testament, Page 92 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

Getting Ready for Jesus
The Glory of the Incarnation

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Adapted from the Seven Great O's of Advent

O Wisdom, mysterious Word of God, coming forth from the Father and filling all creation with your life-giving power: Come and show us the way of truth....

O Morning Star, radiance of the Father's love, you are the brightness that disperses the shadows of our hearts: come, cleanse and renew us in your glory....

O Emmanuel, God with us, hope of the world, and Savior of all, come live in us, now and forever.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – What Child Is This** # 53

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 – Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) arr. Lloyd Larson
Rachel Klein, 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 David Adam

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come as King.
Rule in our hearts. Come as love.
Rule in our minds. Come as peace.
Rule in our actions. Come as power.
Rule in our days. Come as joy.
Rule in our darkness. Come as light.
Rule in our bodies. Come as health.
Rule in our labors. Come as hope.
Your kingdom come among us.
In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus,
we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Joy to the World!** # 40

***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 – *The First Noel arr. Dan Miller

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

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Lay Reader – Kathryn Tyahla

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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Harry and Melissa Hurley
in memory of Wensel and Sue Ann Wstess.**

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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.

— 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.**
Boy Scout Troop 420, December 18th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building
Learning Center chapel — December 19th, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary
Learning Center Christmas Extravaganza — December 19th, 6:30 p.m., sanctuary

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel —
Monday, December 17th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Friday, December 21st: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETING —

Staff meeting, December 17th, Noon, church office

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Learning Center Christmas Extravaganza – Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

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

Saturday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOSPITALITY TEAM

I am interested in helping with the
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship service by:

- 9 Welcoming Guests
- 9 Handing Out Bulletins
- 9 Handing Out Candles to Worshippers
- 9 Lighting the Aisle Chimney Candles
- 9 Helping the Children Dress for the Pageant

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

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

2018 Holiday Schedule

- December 16** WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 11:00 a.m.
- December 18** Noon - Deadline for Learning Center Angel Tree donations
- December 19** Learning Centers' Christmas Pageant - 6:30 p.m.
(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

**Thy light alone—
Gives grace and truth to life's unquiet dream.**

Percy Bysshe Shelley, Poet

**The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach,
is joy. There is radiance and glory in darkness, could we but see.**

And to see, we have only to look. I beseech you to look!

Fra Giovanni Giocondo (c.1435–1515)

**New life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground,
a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb. It starts in the dark.**

Barbara Brown Taylor, Episcopal priest

**When Jesus tells us about the Father, we distrust him. When he shows us
his Home, we turn away, but when he confides to us that he is 'acquainted
with Grief', we listen, for that is also an Acquaintance of our own.**

Emily Dickinson

There is no pit so deep that Jesus is not deeper still.

Corrie Ten Boom, Concentration Camp Survivor

**...whether you believed in Christ or not, it was ridiculous
to call the story of the Incarnation and Redemption dull.**

Dorothy Sayers, Novelist and Christian

**If Jesus is the revelation of the heart of God,
it's very good news about the nature of God.**

Richard Rohr, Everything Belongs

**The Child that was ere worlds begun
(...We need but walk a little way,
We need but see a latch undone...)
The Child that played with moon and sun
Is playing with a little hay.**

G.K. Chesterton, The Wise Men

He became what we are that he might make us what He is.

St. Athanasius

**Now the Divine Being took upon Himself the seal of humanity,
in order for humanity to be adorned by the seal of Divinity.**

St. Issac of Syria, Christmas Sermon

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

HOLLYWOOD CENTRAL IS COMPLETE!! AND NOW WE HAVE JUST A FEW MORE TO GO!

After this past Sunday, out of 64 angels needed, 55 have now been claimed! Every child in need at Hollywood Central will now have a gift under the tree this Christmas. Thank you so much! Now we have one more week to take care of just 9 more of our own children at the Learning Centers. **Alice Carlisle has a list of those 9 children, with age & size information. Please call her at 954-929-5434 to be assigned a child (or children).** Bring back your gift by **Tuesday, December 18th.** The limit for a gift is \$25.00, and within that budget you can do a toy or clothing or if you are a good bargain shopper, both! Let's do all that we can to make sure these 64 children have at least one present under the tree this Christmas!

THE 2018 CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN IS MOVING FORWARD!

Already we are approaching the first thousand dollars of our Christmas offering, and it isn't even Christmas yet! Thank you so much! This year, your Christmas gifts will shine the light of God's love far and wide!

25% of your gift will go towards supporting the recovery work in the Panhandle and California, as they recuperate from the devastation of Hurricane Michael, and those awful wild fires. In both places, **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** has already been at work, and your funding will help them engage in the work of long-term salvage that the folks in these areas need.

25% of your gift will go to support the work of **Bold Justice**, as we work with our sister churches in Broward County to address the crucial issues of improving care for seniors and the mentally ill. Earlier this year, through our work with our sister congregations in Bold Justice, we successfully pushed the State Attorney's office to start spot inspections of nursing homes that were on the state watch list. We put those homes on notice that law enforcement would be shining the light on any abuse and neglect of seniors they were doing. And now the congregations of Bold Justice will be moving our leaders to bring that same light of change to those caught in the darkness of mental illness, as we look for practical solutions to help address the challenges of people facing such struggles

And at the heart of shining that light into darkness always lies the core ministries that God has given us here. This year, **50% of your gift will go to support and sustain those ministries**, including our newest ministry, WaumbaLand worship. Don't forget that - thanks to a **\$5,000.00 challenge match**, - every dollar you give will be doubled! \$25 become \$50! \$50 becomes \$100!! \$500 becomes a thousand!!! You get the idea. 😊 So please give generously, so that in this season of Advent and Christmas, God can shine the light of Jesus' love through us like never before!

HELP US SHINE THE LIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE

As we plan for the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service, we need extra folks for this very special worship. **We can truly use your help.** Let us know if you can assist by lighting the candles or welcoming the guests or working with the kids as they put on their costumes. Please sign up on the insert in the bulletin today and be part of our Christmas Eve Welcome Team!

KENNEDY'S SCHEDULE 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 5 PM (staff and staff Christmas party take up the rest of the day.)

Tuesday

2 to 4 PM (Medical appointment and Rotary takes up the midday)

Wednesday

1 PM to 4 PM (preschool chapels and lunch take up the morning, and Learning Center Christmas program the evening)

Friday

10 to 12 (the rest of the day is taken up with sermon writing and WaumbaLand preparation.)

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.