

First Presbyterian Church

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Transfiguration of the Lord

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

March 3, 2019

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

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Welcome to WaumbaLand!

We are so glad you are here.

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Our WaumbaLand service is on the screen.

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Welcome to WaumbaLand!

God Loves Every Creature Great and Small!

Waumba!

He's the King

God Loves Every Creature Great and Small!

Waumba!

Into the Bible!

God Makes all the Animals!!

God Loves Every Creature Great and Small!

Waumba!

It's Time to go Into WaumbaLand!

The Giving Plate

Give It Away!

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

March 3, 2019

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

WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE - *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Charles Callahan

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Your name
Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – *My Savior's Love* (verses 1, 2, 4, 5) Please see insert**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS - (IN UNISON) from the Syrian liturgy of
St. Clement of Alexandria (150-215)**

**O God, you are the unsearchable abyss of peace, the ineffable sea of love,
and the fountain of blessings. Water us with plenteous streams from the
riches of your grace; and from the most sweet springs of your kindness,
make us children of quietness and heirs of peace. In the name of the one
who is the Prince of Peace 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 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee arr. William Whitehead
Westminster Choir

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 – Roman 8:30-39 (New Testament, Page 158 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kennedy M. McGowan

The Steps Toward Abundance
The Five Questions that Lead to Abundance

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 – There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy** # 298

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 Us Break Bread Together Dale Wood

***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 an Ancient Celtic Prayer from Scotland

We are serene because you love us. Because you love us, nothing can move us from your peace. Because you love us, we are one to whom all good has come. In Jesus name, 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 - Festive Trumpet Tune** David German

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Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org

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

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LAY READER – Richard Ferrara

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given Leslie Young
in honor of John Patrick's 19th birthday.**

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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 narthex we have large print hymnals and a limited number of pew cushions available.

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**An Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held
March 6th, 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.**

Daylight Saving Time begins — March 10th - *SPRING FORWARD*

OPPORTUNITIES

<The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.

**Please check our website: fpcoh.org
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.
Church office e-mail: 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.**

BOLD JUSTICE —

The BOLD Justice Rally Day will be held Tuesday, March 12th, 7:30 p.m. at Merrell United Methodist Church, 3900 N State Rd 7, in Lauderdale Lakes, when we join with the 21 other churches in Bold Justice in preparation of the meeting with our public officials to talk about the changes that we are asking them to implement in the life of our county.

BOOK CLUB —

BOOK CLUB RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 19TH, 2019, 7:00 P.M. in the chapel

TOPIC: WOMEN OF SCIENCE

Two books will be discussed:

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict,

AND

The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan.

The discussion will be led by Ellen Yamrick, retired librarian.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

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

Boy Scout Troop 420, March 5th, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — March 6th, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — March 6th, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

After Care chapel — March 8th, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, March 4th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, March 8th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

HOLLYWOOD C.A.R.E.S for HAITI —

The next meeting of Hollywood C.A.R.E.S. will be on Thursday, March 7th, 7:00 pm, in the Temple Beth El Media Center (library), 1351 South 14 Avenue.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting – no obligation. Call Sharon Tanenhaus at 954-920-8225 for information.

MEETING —

Staff meeting — March 4th, Noon, Church Office

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Circle I — March 5th, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

Koinonia Circle — March 9th, 10:00 a.m., in the home of Kathy Meyer

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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 meeting takes up the middle of the day)

Tuesday – 10:00 to 11:30 and 1:30 to 4 PM

(Rotary and Preschool Walkaround takes up the rest of the day.)

Wednesday – 1 to 5 PM

(preschool chapels and lunch take up the morning)

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3 – Transfiguration of the Lord

- 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 – Communion - Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

- Circle 1 – Chapel 5:30 p.m.
- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Early Learning Center - Chapel 11:00 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

- Hollywood C.A.R.E.S. – Temple Beth El, 1351 South 14 Avenue 7:00 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 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 – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

THE MORNING GLORY SERVICE COMES NEXT WEEK, OUR NEW 8:30 AM WORSHIP GATHERING

Beginning next week as Lent begins, we will be launching the pilot of a new early morning worship from 8:30 to 9:15 AM in our chapel space. We are planning for a 45-minute service that will be a bit simpler than the 11 AM Classic worship. Many of you have been waiting for such a service to begin. Thanks for your patience as we experiment with this new worship gathering, and as we experiment it, please give us your feedback so that we can make this new worship option as effective and meaningful as we possibly can.

ANNOUNCING THE 2019 LENTEN FILM SERIES LINE UP

Each year during Lent, after beginning with our Ash Wednesday service, we continue with a series of films **every Wednesday at 7 PM in the Chapel** which reflect in thoughtful and often provocative ways on living out and struggling with the Gospel in our day-to-day lives. Here is the line-up for our Wednesday night film series during Lent:

PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEEK, ON MARCH 6th, FOR OUR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL.

First Reformed on March 13th –

The minister of a small congregation in upstate New York grapples with mounting despair brought on by tragedy, worldly concerns and a tormented past. One of the most acclaimed films of 2018, this film received a 93% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, the film review site. Called an “an amazing examination of faith” (Arizona Republic), and one of the strongest pictures of 2018 by the Chicago Tribune, this film will challenge you and stay with you long after you’ve seen it.

Silence on March 20th –

Two 17th-century [Jesuit](#) priests travel from [Portugal](#) to [Edo-era Japan](#) via [Macau](#) to locate their missing mentor and [spread Catholic Christianity](#). Based upon an acclaimed Japanese novel, and directed by one of American’s greatest filmmakers, Martin Scorsese, this 2017 film is a “thoughtful, emotional, resonant look at spirituality and human nature that stands among the director’s finest works.” (from the Rotten Tomatoes summary)

The Apostle on March 27th –

“Robert Duvall gives a tour de force performance as a zealous Pentecostal preacher hiding from his past while resurrecting the spirit of his adopted Louisiana bayou town. It’s an all-Duvall show; he wrote it, directed it, produced it and even paid for it.” (Rotten Tomatoes- 90% rating)

Les Misérables on April 3rd –

In 19th-century France, ex-prisoner Jean Valjean, pursued for many years by ruthless policeman Javert, agrees to care for a factory worker’s daughter, and along the way experiences redemption. This inspiring spectacle of a picture takes in the sweep and power of the novel by Victor Hugo, and his impassioned meditation on grace and justice. You will leave moved and inspired, and maybe even singing a bit!

Won't You Be My Neighbor on April 10th –

And I am purposely saving the best and most inspiring for last, the remarkable documentary on the life and witness of Rev. Fred Rogers, *Mr. Rogers*, a film that received a stunning 98% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, will move and touch you in ways that might very well bring you to tears. It's that good.

So please join us each Wednesday at 7 PM during Lent
for this opportunity for reflection and inspiration. We'll even have free snacks.

**SAVE THESE TWO DATES
TO STAND BOLD FOR JUSTICE**

First, join us for **Rally Day, on Tuesday March 12 from 7:30 to 9 PM at Merrell United Methodist, 3900 N State Rd 7, in Lauderdale Lakes**, where we join with the 21 other churches in Bold Justice to get prepared to meet our public officials and talk about the changes that we are asking them to implement in the life of our county.

Second and most importantly, we need you to join us for the **Nehemiah Action on Monday April 8th at St. David Catholic Church in Davie, FL**. There along with 1500 or so others, we will meet with our public officials and call them to move forward positive change in our county. And for that meeting, don't just come yourself, but invite others, friends, family members, neighbors, folks you know concerned about the challenges that the elder and the mentally ill face.

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**Let's come together, in the name of Jesus, to make life better
for our neighbors, our communities, for the entire county of Broward!**

My Savior's Love

**I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden He prayed: "Not My will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs But sweat drops of blood for mine.
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!**

**He took my sins and my sorrows He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary And suffered and died alone
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!**

**When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!**

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**There are no words to express the abyss between isolation and having one ally.
It may be conceded to the mathematician that four is twice two.
But two is not twice one; two is two thousand times one.**

G.K. Chesterton

How bold one gets when one is sure of being loved.

Sigmund Freud

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer...

Sophocles

Through love, all pain will turn to medicine.

Rumi, Muslim mystical poet

**Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without
and know we cannot live within.**

James Baldwin, Writer

**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

Getting loved is a launching pad into giving love.

Eugene Peterson, As Kingfishers Catch Fire

**We were unworthy, but he counted us worthy. We deserved judgment, but
he gave us mercy. We were slave to sin and death, but he brought us into
righteousness and life. How can we not love him with every fiber of our being?**

Fleming Rutledge in

Advent, The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ

**Anything that leaves you more fearful, more isolated, more disconnected from other
people, more full of judgment or self-hatred, is not of God, does not follow the Rule of
Love – and you should stop doing it.**

Mark Yaconelli, Writer and pastor

You are loved, someone said. Take that and eat it.

Mary Karr, Writer