

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

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

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**Morning Glory Worship Service — Chapel - 8:30 A.M.**

**Classic Worship Service — Sanctuary – 11:00 A.M.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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**Welcome!**

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

**July 21, 2019**

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**WELCOME & (11 a.m. only) CALL TO REFLECTION**

(11 a.m. only) **PRELUDE** – *Prelude* ..... William H. Harris

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – Come, Christians, Join to Sing** ..... # 150

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** ..... Adapted from St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

**Most loving Lord, give us a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag downwards; an unconquered heart, which no hardship can wear out; an upright heart, which no worthless purpose can ensnare. And give us your forgiveness when we fail to receive these gifts you yearn to give. Give us, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, and a faithfulness that will finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*To God Be the Glory**

**O** perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! **O** come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

(11 a.m. only) **SOLO** – *Balm in Gilead* ..... H. T. Burleigh  
Olu Dare, soloist

(11 a.m. only) **A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Galatians 3:1-14 (New Testament, Page 188 in pew Bible)**

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

**Living A Life of Freedom**  
*The Bondage of Religion*

**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** ..... | John 4:17-18, The Message

**God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and matures in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day – our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life – fear of death, fear of judgment – is one not yet fully formed in love.**

(11 a.m. only) **\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – How Clear Is our Vocation, Lord** ..... # 419

**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.)*

(11 a.m. only) **Offertory – More Love to Thee** ..... Frederick Swann

(11 a.m. only) **\*THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE – DOXOLOGY (#592)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here  
below; O, praise Him! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

(11 a.m. only) **\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** ..... Adapted from Ruth Burgess

**When we want to run – hold us. When we want to turn away – turn us round.  
When we want to hide – race us to our hiding place and win. When we want  
to hurt others – deflect our aim. When we want to hurt ourselves – love us.  
When we cry – grab us quickly and rock us safely in your strong arms. In Jesus’  
name, who is the Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – Great Is Thy Faithfulness** ..... # 276

**\*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.**

(11 a.m. only) **\*POSTLUDE – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation** ..... Arr. Anna Laura Page

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

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(11 a.m. only) **Lay Reader – Louise Hardenburg**

(11 a.m. only) **The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Charles and Edythe Adams  
in honor of their birthdays.**

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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 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](http://fpcoh.org)**

**for the monthly newsletter and church calendar; and**

**our Facebook page: [facebook.com/fpcOH/](https://www.facebook.com/fpcOH/)**

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

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

**WaumbaLand** (Sunday school for ages 4-10) is on summer break.

**Watch for their return in mid-August!!**

**CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

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

**Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

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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 a visit!**

**Sunday:**

Worship services, family time, and editing and posting of the sermon audio and video take up the day.

**Monday:**

**10:30 AM to 1 PM and 4 to 6 PM**

(Meetings take up the rest of the day.)

**Tuesday:**

**10 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 3:30 PM**

(summer camp walk around and Rotary meeting take up the rest of the day)

**Wednesday: 11 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Friday:**

(this day is taken up with sermon preparation and a meeting with the Hillsboro state attorney for Bold Justice)

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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**Summer Worship Schedule**

(Now through mid-August)

8:30 a.m.: Morning Glory Service in the Chapel

10:00 a.m.: Bible Study in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.: Classic Service in the Sanctuary

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 21**

Morning Glory Worship Service – Chapel ..... 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study – Sanctuary ..... 10:00 a.m.

Worship – Sanctuary ..... 11:00 a.m.

Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, July 22**

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

**Thursday, July 25**

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

**Friday, July 26**

A Time of Prayer ..... 9a.m. - Noon

**Saturday, July 27**

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

**Sunday, July 28**

Morning Glory Worship Service – Chapel ..... 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study – Sanctuary ..... 10:00 a.m.

Worship – Sanctuary ..... 11:00 a.m.

Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**Legalism fails miserably at the one thing it is supposed to do; encourage obedience.**

Phillip Yancey, Writer

**Laws are never as effective as habits.**

*Adlai Stevenson, Politician and Statesman*

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

*Thomas Erskine of Linlathen*

**Rescuing God from religion is how I'd put it. All these rules and regulations and locked doors keep God a prisoner who cannot be shared unless we do this, that, or the other.**

*Sinead O'Connor, Singer*

**Satan's seduction of our heart *always* comes in the form of a story that offers us greater control through knowing good and evil rather than the unknowns of relationship.**

*Brent Curtis and John Eldredge*

**It (trying to keep the law) grants you the power to judge others and feel superior to them. You believe you are living to a higher standard than those you judge. Enforcing rules, especially in its more subtle expressions like responsibility and expectation, is a vain attempt to create certainly out of uncertainty. And contrary to what you might think, I have a great fondness for uncertainty. Rules cannot bring freedom; they only have the power to accuse.**

*Wm. Paul Young, God speaking in the novel, The Shack*

**Religion has primarily to do with is-ness not ought-ness.**

*Eugene Peterson, As Kingfishers Catch Fire*

**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, Missionary and Writer*

**Relationships – not facts and reason – are the key to reality. By entering those relationships, knowledge of reality is unlocked.**

*Parker Palmer, Quaker Writer*

**A WORD FROM KENNEDY**

## **THE SUMMER FAMILY FEST IS TWO SUNDAYS AWAY AND IT'S FREE!!**

On Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have what we hope will be one of the most awesome Sundays of the year! Together with our Learning Centers, we are going to throw a huge party on the Patch (West lot) complete with awesome food such as Arroz con Pollo, Ceviche, and Hot Dogs and Sausages on the grill. We are going to do all sorts of great games from soccer to three-legged races and musical chairs. And before all that begins, we will be having a special celebration at our 11 AM worship to preview the opening of our children's ministries launch on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. We are pushing for an attendance of at least a hundred if not two hundred for this event, and with funds raised at the Easter picnic, we will be doing everything for free! We are reaching out to our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to join us, and we will also be promoting it on the Funtastic Friday nights at Young Circle! We want to make this as big a community-wide party as we can. So, mark your calendars for Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>, and let's have a great end of the summer party. And as you can see below, we have a lot to celebrate!

## **NEW APPLE ACCREDITATION! NEW WINDOWS! NEW FLOORS! IT'S A BUSY SUMMER AT OUR LEARNING CENTERS!**

Three weeks ago, the director of our Early Learning Center (ELC), Jacquie Carbonell dropped by to tell me awesome news. Not only had the ELC passed inspection for its accreditation by APPLE (which stands for Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment), but the inspector wanted to use our school as an example to other schools of what an outstanding program looks like! Wow! A big thanks go to ELC Director Jacquie Carbonell and her hard-working staff who spent many hours preparing the school for this crucial inspection.

And now, we have installed new floors into the ELC building, and are close to finishing the installation of new hurricane impact windows on the entire second floor of our Learning Centers, a close to \$100,000.00 investment in our schools. The new floor in ELC is commercial grade and should be able to withstand a decade or more of heavy use. One of our parents, a nationwide contractor was able to secure us an excellent price through one of his vendors, and a whole crew of parents came out on two different occasions to move all the furniture out in preparation for this work, and then move it back in! And with these new windows, we are taking an important step in protecting this program from severe storms even as we increase the building's energy efficiency and overall appearance. Next year, we plan to do the first floor, and ELC so that these buildings are fully protected. We are able to do these projects, even as the schools provided important financial support to the church's larger ministries. And even as all those things are going on, we have tons of kids in our summer programs, doing water play and soccer, going on field trips, and experiencing all sorts of fun! Thanks be to God for what God is doing in this ministry!