

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

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

**December 1, 2019**

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

**CCLI #1836693; CRL034941; CVL503735603**

**Welcome!**

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

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

**(11 a.m. only) PRELUDE – *Comfort Ye My People* ..... Robert Lau**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ..... # 2**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS ..... Adapted from Mechtild of Magdeburg, 1210-1280**

**O sweet and loving God, when we stay asleep too long, oblivious to all your many blessings, please forgive us. Wake us up, and sing to us your joyful song. It is a song without noise or notes. It is a song of love beyond words, of faith beyond the power of human telling. When you awaken us to your presence, we can hear it in our souls. O God, wake us up. Help us each day to be alert to your joyful song, your song of love beyond words. In the name of Jesus Christ, who out of love, gave his very life for us, 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.**

**(11 a.m. only) Anthem - An Advent Prayer** . . . . . Allen Pote  
Westminster Choir

**(11 a.m. only) 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 – Romans 13:11-14** (New Testament, Pg., 162 pew Bible)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** . . . . . Kennedy M. McGowan  
**Wake up and Smell the Jesus  
or Why You May Be More Asleep Than You Realize:  
Waking Up, What It Means**

**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** . . . . . Romans 13:11-14, The Message  
...make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care  
of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze  
off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up  
and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the  
salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a  
minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and  
indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing  
everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger,  
waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ and be up and  
about!

**(11 a.m. only) \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Awake, My Soul and with the Sun . . # 456**

**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 - In Remembrance of Me** . . . . . Beryl Red  
Carolyn Smylie, soloist

**(11 a.m. only) \*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 Columbanus, 543-615

Lord, we pray that you may be a lamp for us in the darkness. Touch our souls and kindle a fire within them, that they may burn brightly and give light to our life. Thus our bodies may truly become your temple, lit by your perpetual flame burning on the altar of our hearts. And may the light shine within us shine on our sisters and brothers that it may drive away the darkness of ignorance and sin from them also. Thus together let us and these tithes and gifts we return to you be lights to the world, manifesting the bright beauty of your gospel to all around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Let it be. Amen.

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

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

(11:00 only) 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** - *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* . . . . . Paul Manz

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

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

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**LAY READER – Judy Gensel**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Dee Olive  
in memory of Dorothy Dillworth and Emily Olive.

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

It is our hope that you will feel invited, welcomed, and loved 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). Text waumba 555888**

**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) >  
text waumba 555888**

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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 MEETING —**

Join us Tuesday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM**, as we meet at **Grace Alone Church, 1900 SW 35 Avenue in Ft. Lauderdale** and begin doing research to help move this year's goals forward.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

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

**God Loves You No Matter What!!**

### **CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

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

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

### **HANGING OF THE GREENS —**

**Join us Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.**, for our annual church decorating and covered-dish dinner. **Please bring a side dish to share.**

**MEETINGS —**

**Staff meeting, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon, church office**

**Learning Center Board, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 pm, chapel**

**Board of Deacons, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m., church office**

**PRESBYTERTIAN WOMEN —**

**Circle 1, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 p.m., in the chapel**

**Deborah Circle, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m., in the chapel**

Ladies, it time to pull out your favorite cookie recipes and cookie sheets! Our **Holiday Bake Sale is Sunday, December 15**, after the 11am service. Come check out the selection of goodies; I'm sure there will be something to satisfy your sweet tooth!

**SHARE-A-MEAL —**

If you would like to help prepare sandwiches for area homeless, please met in the church kitchen on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.**

**WORSHIP —**

**Please join us December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. for our  
Christmas Eve Candlelight service  
in celebration of the birth of Jesus.**

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**Worship Schedule  
(Now through May 25th)**

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

**10:00 a.m.: ~~Waukegan~~ **Waukegan** Worship**

**10:20 a.m.: Bible Study in the Sanctuary**

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

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, December 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Morning Glory Worship Service – Chapel	8:30 a.m.
Bell Choir	9:30 a.m.
WaumbaLand Worship – Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Westminster Choir	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study – Sanctuary	10:20 a.m.
Worship - Communion — Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Monday, December 2**

A Time of Prayer – Chapel	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Staff meeting – Church office	Noon
Learning Center Board – Chapel	4:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, December 3**

Church carpets cleaned	
Circle I – Chapel	5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts - Hollywood Central Elementary	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of Education Building	7:00 p.m.
Bold Justice meeting – 1900 SW 35 Avenue in Ft. Lauderdale	7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 4**

Learning Center Chapel – Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
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### **Thursday, December 5**

Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
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### **Friday, December 6**

A Time of Prayer	9a.m. – Noon
After Care Chapel - Sanctuary	4:00 p.m.
Hanging of the Greens Decorating and covered dish dinner – Sanctuary & Patio	6:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, December 7**

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Share-A-Meal – Church Kitchen	11:30 a.m.

### **Sunday, December 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Morning Glory Worship Service – Chapel	8:30 a.m.
Board of Deacons – Church Office	9:30 a.m.
Bell Choir	9:30 a.m.
WaumbaLand Worship – Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Westminster Choir	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study – Sanctuary	10:20 a.m.
Worship - Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**You don't want to wake up one day and realize  
you spent your time rather than invested it.**

*Andy Stanley*

**Light your lamp before night overtakes you.**

*Greek Proverb*

**Have daylight mercy on my midnight soul.**

*Frederick Buechner, Godric*

**To one who waits, all things reveal themselves, as long as you have  
the courage not to deny in the darkness what you have seen in the light.**

*Coventry Patmore*

**We are most deeply asleep at the switch when  
we fancy we control any switches at all.**

*Annie Dillard*

**Grant that I may be given appropriate difficulties and sufferings on the  
journey so that my heart may be truly awakened and my practice  
of liberation and universal compassion may be truly fulfilled.**

*A Tibetan Prayer*

**A preaching that does not point out sin is not the preaching of the gospel....**

**A preaching that awakens, a preaching that enlightens – as when a light  
turned on awakens and of course annoys a sleeper – that is the preaching of  
Christ, calling: Wake up! Be converted! That is the church's authentic preaching.**

*Oscar Romero, Martyred Archbishop of El Salvador*

**But we who would be born again, must wake our souls unnumbered times a day.**

*George McDonald*

**We wake, if ever we wake at all, to mystery.**

*Annie Dillard*

**It is not our movement to God, but God's movement to us. It is heaven  
interrupting our world....the descent of the divine light among human beings  
not only to shine on, to illuminate, to purify and to warm them, but, through  
grace, to make them also shine with a light not of this world.**

*Hans Urs Von Balthasar, Theologian*

## A WORD FROM KENNEDY

### **POLAR EXPRESS IS COMING; AND YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS WILL KEEP THOSE OUTREACHES GOING!**

Every week, we see new families connecting to our church through our children's ministry, WaumbaLand. But those connections don't just happen. They have come largely through investments that we as a church have made over just the last six months. During that time, a team of our WaumbaLand leaders has been working on reaching out like never before to the families in our community. Over the summer, we held our first **WaumbaLand Pajama movie night**, where we had over 80% unchurched attend! Then we did a terrific Men and Kids event behind the church office that reached even more unchurched families. Together with our Learning Center, we hosted a free picnic in August for a 150 and staffed a special WaumbaLand booth with special gifts for all the kids. In September, we did an Art Night where again we connected with over 20 unchurched families, putting many of them on our WaumbaLand text message list. In October, we hosted our first outreach tent on the Pumpkin Patch, during our Fall Festival, complete with a special WaumbaLand gift and craft and a photo booth, too! Within two weeks, we saw two new families from that outreach check out WaumbaLand, with one becoming a regular attendee. And just last weekend, we had a great Men and Kids event at 3 Sons Brewing Company, connecting with not only our folks but preschool and cub scout families, too! And now on **December 13th**, we're doing another WaumbaLand Pajama movie night for Polar Express! We'll provide dinner, have folks playing characters from the movie, even serve cookies and hot chocolate like they do in the film, and all at a price that families can afford. As this Christmas movie has a subtle, but unmistakable message about faith and belief at its core, it's a perfect vehicle to share the message of God's love at Christmas. And we'll use it to encourage kids and families to participate in our Christmas Eve service, too. Most importantly, unchurched families get to connect with people of faith, including our terrific WaumbaLand volunteers, increasing their openness to explore faith further.

Thanks to a special gift given for children and youth a number of years ago, we've been able to underwrite most of the costs for these events not covered by the admission costs. And many times, our volunteers have contributed their own funds to support these events as well. In fact, a WaumbaLand parent, still new to our church and not yet a member, not only volunteered to help with Polar Express but told us: "I want to donate \$75.00 to support this event!"

God is at work in these outreaches, enabling us to invite, welcome and love our neighbors with the love of Jesus! And this Christmas one third of your Christmas gift will help us to continue to do not only these outreaches to families, but even more outreaches to invite, welcome and love our community. Another third will go to simply support the daily needs of this church, keeping the lights on so to speak so these outreaches can happen. And the final third goes to another powerful outreach ministry - our partnership with Bold Justice, where together with other churches across Broward, we are working to see our leaders protect and help the most vulnerable from seniors in nursing homes to children in our community to those struggling with mental illness. Our goal this year for this Christmas offering is \$4,500.00, with a challenge goal of \$6,000.00. With \$4,500.00, we will be able to underwrite close to another year of outreaches



such as Polar Express, fund our minimum commitment to Bold Justice, and provide crucial financial support to sustaining this church's overall work. And with \$6,000.00, what could we do? We could underwrite a whole year of outreaches, match our commitment to Bold Justice from last year, and provide even more crucial support to our church's basic financial needs. Please give generously in this year's Christmas giving campaign.

### **AND DON'T FORGET OUR ANGEL BAGS!**

As I was leaving worship yesterday, Barbara Benoit called to me. "Kennedy, you haven't signed up for a bag!" At first, I wondered what she meant. Then I realized that I hadn't yet made my commitment to provide gifts for a needy child this Christmas. Sheesh! And so, since Barbara did the kindness of reminding me, I'm reminding you! Don't forget to pick up your bag today and to bring your gift next week so we can help make sure every child and every family in our community has something under the tree this Christmas!

### **A NEW LABYRINTH IS COMING!**

Last weekend, a team of our scouts in Troop 420 led by Eagle Scout candidate, Butch Behrens, and with the help of our own facilities chair, Bob Roddy, made huge progress in the reconstruction of our labyrinth which had been looking pretty sad these days. The new rock design makes it wonderfully more visible, and you might even be tempted to try it out. But alas, labyrinths as you might tell by the name, are a mite complex, and our scouts are diligently working to get the design just right, making sure it is fully "labyrinth" ☺. After the Thanksgiving break, Butch and his team will be back to put on the finishing touches; but already you can see its beauty, and what a wonderful enhancement it already is to our campus. A big thanks to Butch and the awesome team from our church's troop for taking on this big task and moving it towards completion!

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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**

Beyond worship, this day focuses on blog and audio editing  
and video posting of our worship gatherings

#### **Monday – 10:30 to 11:30 AM and 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

(staff meeting and Learning Center Board take up the other parts of the day.)

#### **Tuesday – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

(Rotary meeting, family obligations and column writing and reading take up the rest of the day)

#### **Wednesday – 12 to 2 PM and 4:30 to 6:30 PM**

(Learning Center chapels and a pre-marital session take up the other parts of the day.)

#### **Friday – 10 to 12**

(Wedding and sermon writing take up the rest of the day.)

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.