

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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**Child-friendly Family Worship — Sanctuary - 10:00 a.m.**

**December 8, 2019**

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\*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 Gives Us Courage!**

**Waumba!**

**He's the King**

**God Gives Us Courage!**

**Waumba!**

**Into the Bible!**

**God Wins the Battle of Jericho!**

**God Gives Us Courage!**

**Waumba!**

**It's Time to go Into WaumbaLand!**

**The Giving Plate**

**Give It Away!**

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Morning Glory Worship Service — Chapel - 8:30 A.M.  
Classic Worship Service — Sanctuary – 11:00 A.M.

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**December 8, 2019**

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

(11 a.m. only) **PRELUDE** – *O Word of God Incarnate* . . . . . Alex Wyton

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

**\*HYMN – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** . . . . . # 9

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** . . . . . Adapted from First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, GA

**Patient God, we confess how poorly we model your patience. We yearn for immediate action. We want to say when, where, and how. We desire instant gratification. Waiting and persistence are not our strengths. The excuses for our impatience are many: our need to be productive, overcrowded schedules, fears about the future, our need for change, our desire to be in control. Forgive us, merciful God. Too often we have looked for speedy and instant results, when what we needed was deep and lasting change. In this season of your coming, teach us to live our lives according to your timetable and not ours. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again that life is measured by our relationships with you and with each other, not by speed or productivity. Grant us a patient endurance that we may experience your continued coming into our world and into our lives with a joyful expectation and a confident hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*Away in a Manger (# 25, verse 3)**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

(11 a.m. only) **Anthem** - *Light an Advent Candle* . . . . . Becki Slagle Mayo  
Mary Silvestro, flute Westminster Choir

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

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – James 5:7-11 (New Testament, Page 231 in pew Bible)**

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

**Wake up and Smell the Jesus!**  
*Waking up to Waiting*

**THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON)** . . . . . Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(11 a.m. only) **\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – People, Look East** . . . . . #12

**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 – Once in Royal David's City** . . . . . Charles Callahan

(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 St. Gertrude the Great (1256-c.1302)

**Lord, in union with your love, unite our work with your great work, and perfect it. As a drop of water, poured into a river, is taken up into the activity of the river, so may our labor become part of your work. Thus may those among whom we live and work be drawn into your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty** . . . . . **# 8**

**\*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 – Angels from the Realms of Glory** . . . . . John Innes

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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 – Kathleen Hinman**

(11 a.m. only) **The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Becky Hunkins  
in memory of loved ones.**

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**web site at: [fpcoh.org](http://fpcoh.org)    [facebook.com/fpcoh/](https://facebook.com/fpcoh/)**

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

**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). **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.  
Church office e-mail: [landerson@fpcoh.org](mailto:landerson@fpcoh.org) >  
text waumba 555888

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### CARD-MAKING GROUP —

The next meeting of the card-making group will be **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at Michaels in Oakwood Plaza.** We will have 3 different cards for you to make, and they will be donated to your church. Supplies will be provided – except adhesives (glue, double sided tape, pop ups, etc.) **Please RSVP to Jane Moy 954 224-5552 or [yomenaj@yahoo.com](mailto:yomenaj@yahoo.com)** (call, text, email, carrier pigeon...) so we can be prepared with enough supplies. *NOTE FROM LYNN: This group has made some beautiful cards for us to send out to shut-ins, and others. Please show your appreciation by participating. Bring your friends! See you there!*

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>:** 9:00 a.m. – Noon

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>:** 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, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm,** 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.

### LEARNING CENTERS —

The Learning Centers invite you to celebrate Christmas with them at their annual Christmas presentations, **Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>.** At **5:00 p.m.**, the Early Learning Center children will entertain you; **and at 7:00 p.m.**, the Learning Center will entertain you.

**MEETINGS —**

**Board of Deacons, TODAY, 9:30 a.m., church office**

**Staff meeting, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Noon, church office**

**Worship Team, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, chapel**

**NEWSLETER DEADLINE — December 13<sup>th</sup> for the January 2020 issue**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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

**Please join Circle I, Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. for Taco Tuesday** at Patron Azteca Mexican restaurant (5181 Sheridan Street). Contact Ellen Yamrick or Kathryn Tyahla if you will be attending.

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!

**Worship Schedule**

(Now through May 25th)

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

10:00 a.m.: **Waumbaland Worship**

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

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

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Christmas Eve Worship Service — December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

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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 –2:30 to 6:30 PM**

Bold Justice and I meet with Broward Vice Mayor; staff meeting  
and Worship meeting 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 6:30 PM**

Learning Center chapels take up the other part of the day.

**Friday – 10 to 12**

Sermon writing and Polar Express preparations 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.

## CALENDAR

### **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.

### **Monday, December 9**

A Time of Prayer – Chapel	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Deborah Circle – Chapel	11:30 a.m.
Staff meeting – Church office	Noon
Worship Team – Chapel	6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, December 10**

Circle 1 – 5181 Sheridan Street	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.

### **Wednesday, December 11**

Learning Center Chapel – Sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
Learning Centers' Christmas programs	5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, December 12**

Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Hollywood C.A.R.E.S. – Temple Beth El	7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, December 13 — Newsletter deadline**

A Time of Prayer	9a.m. – Noon
After Care Chapel - Sanctuary	4:00 p.m.
Polar Express Pajama Movie Night – Chapel & Patio	6:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, December 14**

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor – Sanctuary	1:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 15 – 3<sup>rd</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 - Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
Holiday Bake Sale – Patio	following worship
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



**Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.**

*Plautus, Roman Playwriter, 254-184, BCE*

**With time and patience, the mulberry leaf becomes a silk gown.**

*Chinese Proverb*

**Patience and passage of time do more than strength and fury.**

*Jean De La Fontaine, French Poet, 1621-95*

**Patience is never more important than when you are on the edge of losing it.**

*O.A. Battista, Scientist*

**Teach us, O Lord, the disciplines of patience, for to wait is often harder than to work.**

*Peter Marshall, Former Chaplain of U.S. Senate*

**The greatest temptation of our time is impatience, in its full original meaning:  
refusal to wait, undergo, suffer.**

*Eugene Rosenstock-Huesy, Theologian*

**Our God has now become our servant to wait on our will.**

**“The Lord is my shepherd,” we say, instead of, “The Lord is my shepherd  
and the difference is as wide as the world.**

*A.W. Tozer, Born After Midnight*

**Joseph waited fifteen years. Abraham waited twenty-five years.**

**Moses waited forty years, and Jesus waited thirty years.**

**If you’re waiting, you’re in very good company.**

*Anonymous*

**Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you show up and try to do the  
right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work; you don’t give up.**

*Anne Lamott*

**The singular mark of patience is not endurance or fortitude but hope.**

**To be impatient.... is to live without hope.**

*Robert Wilken*

## **A WORD FROM KENNEDY**

**OUR OUTREACHES ARE WORKING!**

**HELP US KEEP THEM UP!**

**GIVE GENEROUSLY TO OUR CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN!**

Each week, I write this column on Tuesday, and this Tuesday, it has been harder to get to. Why? This Tuesday was also the deadline for our Polar Express event, and between sign-ups at the Learning Centers and via text message, it has been a little hectic! We are almost completely filled, and the day has hardly begun! And all those reservations are connecting us to families, a number of whom have already connected to our WaumbaLand ministries. These connections

have come largely through the investments that we have made as a church in outreach events over just the last six months - from movie nights to summer barbeques to a special art night and a Saturday at 3 Sons Brewing Company to a special outreach at our Learning Center's Fall Festival. At every one of these events, we have connected in significant ways with new families, and it is having real impact! Just this morning, I talked to a mom in our Learning Center who was asking me about Christmas Eve. She said that this year, she wanted to bring her family! And in all the time I've known this mom, which is now for many years, this is the first time she expressed such a strong interest!

In fact, after Polar Express, Christmas Eve will be our next outreach event! Beginning next Sunday, you'll find in your bulletin a special invitation card that simply says, "Sit by me this Christmas Eve." We've designed it as a simple way you can comfortably invite friends and neighbors to this special candlelight service. And of course, at the Polar Express event, we'll have those invitation cards, too — along with an invitation for their kids to be part of our annual reenactment of the Christmas story. In all these ways, unchurched families are getting a chance to connect with people of faith, increasing their openness to explore faith further. They are experiencing our vision in real time as they feel invited, welcomed and loved!

Now, how have we been able to do these things? A church family years ago gave a gift to support children and youth, and those funds have subsidized these events and outreaches. As well, many times our volunteers have contributed their own funds to support these events.

And now at Christmas, you get a chance to keep this good work going! 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 **\$4500.00 with a challenge goal of \$6,000.00**. With \$4500.00 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.

### **A NEW LABYRINTH IS HERE!**

Over two weekends, 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**, have done an amazing renovation of our labyrinth along with new plantings between the sanctuary and the church office. And literally just after they finished this past weekend, we had a group of visitors to South Florida do a labyrinth tour and post wonderful things about our new labyrinth on Facebook. You can check our Facebook page to see the wonderful pictures she took. And

Butch isn't finished yet! He has a few more tweaks to make that will make it even more Beautiful. A big thanks to **Butch and the awesome team from our church's troop** for taking on this big task and doing such an amazing transformation!

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# SENIOR GROUP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Monday, December 16  
at One P.M.  
in the Chapel

Join in the Yankee Swap and  
Potluck Luncheon

**\*Please bring Potluck of your choice**  
**\*\$10.00 Yankee Swap**

## 2019 Holiday Schedule

December 8<sup>th</sup> — Deadline for Angel Tree and Christmas Food donations

December 8<sup>th</sup> — Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.

December 11<sup>th</sup> — Learning Centers' Christmas Show - 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
(call 954-922-8558 for details.)

December 13<sup>th</sup> — Pajama Movie Night (Polar Express) - 6:00 p.m.

December 15<sup>th</sup> — Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Presbyterian Women's Holiday Bake Sale, Noon

December 22<sup>nd</sup> — Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.

December 24<sup>th</sup> — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup> — 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*

Church and Learning Center offices closed

December 29<sup>th</sup> — Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

December 31, 2019, & January 1, 2020 — Church and Learning Center offices closed

January 5<sup>th</sup> — Worship - Communion - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Take down Christmas decorations /Pot Luck lunch following worship