

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.

December 15, 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 gives us wisdom!

Waumba!

He's the King

God gives us wisdom!

Waumba!

Into the Bible!

God sends Deborah to Help Barak!

God gives us wisdom!

Waumba!

It's Time to go Into WaumbaLand!

The Giving Plate

Give It Away!

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

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

December 15, 2019

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

(11 a.m. only) **PRELUDE** – *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Sandra Eithun
Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY

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

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Clement of Rome, died c. 96
Epistle to the Corinthians

You, Lord, brought into being the everlasting fabric of the universe; you wove the tapestry of life. From one generation to another you are constant and righteous in your laws, wise and prudent in your actions. To look round is to see your goodness; to trust you is to know your generosity; to confess to you is to receive your forgiveness. Make us clean with the strong soap of your truth. Make us whole with the powerful medicine of your grace..... To you, who alone can grant to us those and all good things, we offer up our praise through Jesus Christ, the high priest and guardian of our souls. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** Angels from the Realms of Glory (# 22, verse 4)**

**All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One.**

(11 a.m. only) **Anthem - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** arr, James Denton
Westminster Choir

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

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 3:1-6 (New Testament, Page 60 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

Wake up and Smell the Jesus!
Waking up to Change

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) John 3:16-17, The Message

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

(11 a.m. only) ***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.)*

(11 a.m. only) **Offertory – Sweet Little Jesus Boy** Robert MacGimsey
Olu Dare, 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 John Cosin (1594-1672)

**Lord Jesus, give me a waking spirit, and a diligent soul, that I may seek to know your will, and when I know it truly, may perform it faithfully to the honor and glory of your blessed name. In your blessed name, we pray.
Amen.**

***HYMN – Joy to the World!** # 40

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

(8:30 a.m. 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) **CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Go Ye Now in Peace* Joyce Elaine Eilers

(11 a.m. only) ***POSTLUDE – The First Noel** arr. Dan Miller

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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 – Dr. Myron Miller**

(11 a.m. only) **The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Harry & Mary Hurley,
in memory of Wensel and Sue Ann Estess, and Mary & Hugh Knippenburg.**

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Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org

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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**

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
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar.**

Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org >

text waumba 555888

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 16th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, December 20th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Session Book meeting, December 16th, 6:30 p.m., chapel

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —

Our **Holiday Bake Sale** is today, after the I am service. Come check out the selection of goodies; I'm sure there will be something to satisfy your sweet tooth!

SENIOR GROUP —

Senior Group Christmas Celebration

Monday, December 16th, 1 p.m. in the chapel

Join in the Yankee Swap* and Potluck Luncheon**

***\$10.00 Yankee Swap**

****Please bring Potluck of your choice.**

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Christmas Eve Worship Service — December 24th, 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!

Monday - 1:30 to 5:30 PM

Tuesday – 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Wednesday – 12 to 5:30 PM

Friday – 10 to 12

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 15 – 3rd 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.

Monday, December 16

A Time of Prayer – Chapel	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Staff meeting – Church office	Noon
Session Book meeting – Chapel	6:30 p.m.
Session – Chapel	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17

Cub Scouts - Hollywood Central Elementary	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts – 2 nd floor of Education Building	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
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Friday, December 20

A Time of Prayer	9a.m. – Noon
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Saturday, December 21

Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday, December 22 – 4th 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.
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

If we don't change our direction, we're likely to end up where we're headed.
Chinese Proverb

**People are not resistant to change. They make changes all the time.
They are resistant to being changed.**
Bill Owens

**When we are no longer able to change a situation,
we are challenged to change ourselves.**
Viktor Frankel, Psychiatrist and Concentration Camp Survivor

It is a serious waste to let a day go by without allowing God to change us.
Richard Rolle, The Fire of Love

**Repentance is coming to our senses, seeing, suddenly, what we've done
that we might not have done or recognizing....that the problem
is not in what we do but in what we become.**
Kathleen Norris, The Cloister Walk

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

WHO IS GOING TO SIT BESIDE YOU?

Do you see the Christmas Eve card in your bulletin? Now you have it! So, all you need to do now is find someone to give it to. Who are you going to invite to sit beside you this Christmas Eve? Share the card with someone this week! And we'll have another one in the bulletin next week, too. Let's pack the house on Christmas Eve! As we reach out to invite and welcome others into God's amazing love, here's a way you can help that vision grow.....

POLAR EXPRESS REACHED 23 FAMILIES AND 13 OF THOSE WERE UNCHURCHED! HELP US REACH MORE!

As I write this, we have completely filled our Polar Express outreach event, and most of those families, over 60%, are unchurched. Here's the even better news: It used to be over 80% unchurched, but because of earlier outreaches, several of those families are now connected in a significant way to our children's ministry, WaumbaLand! WaumbaLand's average attendance has doubled from a year ago, and it keeps growing!

Thanks to a past gift, we've been able to subsidize these outreaches, but now we need your help. This 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. But the impact doesn't stop there!

This past Monday, I led a meeting with Broward County's new mayor, Dale Holness. I wasn't there because I'm anything special, but simply because I was representing 25 churches that together have a powerful voice in our county through the organization Bold Justice. I was there so we could see more mentally ill homeless folks get the housing they need - a goal that, if met, would not only help vulnerable people living in very scary situations, but would save Broward taxpayers over a million dollars a year! It turns out jails and hospitals are way more expensive than simply providing these folks the housing they need!! Because of work such as this, our church is becoming known as a church that cares, that stands up for the elderly, for children, for the vulnerable; and that too makes an impact not only in our community, but also in changing people's perception of what a church should be! A **third** of your offering will go to support that crucial work.

And the final **third** will go to simply support the daily needs of this church, keeping the lights on, so to speak, so these two powerful outreaches can happen. Our goal this year 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). **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.**

THANKS BOB!

Did you notice the new patio color? Our own, Bob Roddy, has been working hard to accomplish this huge task, and it is looking awesome. Thanks so much, Bob!

2019 Holiday Schedule

December 15th — Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study - 10:15 a.m.

Presbyterian Women's Holiday Bake Sale, Noon

December 22nd — Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study - 10:15 a.m.

December 24th Christmas Eve rehearsal - 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m.

December 25th 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 29th — One Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

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

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

WaumbaLand Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study - 10:15 a.m.

Remove Christmas decorations/Pot Luck lunch following worship