

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

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

**Welcome!**

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

**December 29, 2019**

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*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE** – *A Christmas Prelude* ..... Charles Callahan

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN** – *The First Noel* (verses 1, 2, 6) ..... # 56

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

Loving God, thank you for caring for us so fully that you cause all things to work out for our good. Still, we worry whether all shall be well for us. Instead of trusting your continuing care for us, we become anxious, and fret over how to take care of our own selves, as well as all who we hold dear. Forgive our lack of trust in you, and by your Spirit rekindle our faith in you, to the honor and glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*O Little Town of Bethlehem** (# 44, verse 4)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

**Anthem** - *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* ..... John Rutter  
Westminster Choir

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 63:7-9 (Old Testament, Page 693 in pew Bible)**

**Matthew 2:13-23 (New Testament, Page 2 in pew Bible)**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Rev. Dr. Eugene Roberts

**Saving the Savior**

**THIS WE BELIEVE - (CONGREGATION READS WORDS IN BOLD)** ..... The Apostles' Creed

Sisters and brothers, what do you believe concerning God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth,**

Sisters and brothers, what do you believe concerning God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

Sisters and brothers, what do you believe concerning God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** ..... # 31

**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.)*

**Offertory – 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime** ..... David Cherwien

**\*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)**

It is our pleasure, our joy, to be a part of the greatest enterprise ever conceived. Receive our gifts and tithes, O God, as a token of our investment of all we are and have as partners with you in this fantastic work to which we are called and by Whom we are empowered. In Jesus' powerful name we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN – Go, Tell It on the Mountain . . . . . # 29**

**\*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 – Christmas Postlude on In Dulci Jubilo . . . . . Gilbert Martin**

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

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**Lay Reader – Ellen Yamrick**

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Chris Gair,  
in memory of his parents, Gordon and Isabel Gair.**

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**We welcome back to our pulpit The Rev. Dr. Eugene Roberts.** Dr. Roberts is a native of upstate New York. He is a graduate of Hope College in Holland Michigan, and an Air Force veteran. He graduated with a Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and a received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Roberts is ordained in the Reformed Church of America. He served churches in New Jersey and New York before retiring from the called ministry in 2009. He and his wife Carol moved to Florida, where Dr. Roberts has been serving as Interim minister and supplying pulpits. From February 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2015, Dr. Roberts served our church as Supply Pastor. The Roberts have been married 53 years and have a son Steven and two teenage grandsons, Truman and Addison, who also live here in Plantation.

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

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### **TODAY**

**One Worship service at 11:00 a.m.**

[The 8:30 a.m. Worship service, *WaumbaLand* — (Sunday school for ages 4-10),  
and the 10:15 a.m. Bible Study will return January 5<sup>th</sup>.]

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**We send our love and prayers to Todd and John Hester and their families following the passing on December 17<sup>th</sup> of their mom, Joan. A Memorial Service will be held in our church on January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m.**

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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). **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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**The church and Learning Centers' offices will be closed Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, for the New Year holiday.**

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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**

**CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —**

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

**Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

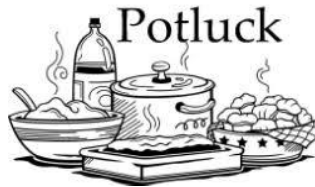
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**BOARD OF DEACONS —**

**A Deacons Fund offering will be received next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

**POTLUCK LUNCH —**



— **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at Noon** —

**Please bring a dish to share, then enjoy a time of fellowship while taking down the Christmas decorations.**

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**SHARE-A-MEAL —**

If you would like to help prepare sandwiches for area homeless, please met in the church kitchen on **Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.**

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## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, December 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

Westminster Choir ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship - Sanctuary ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Monday, December 30**

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

### **Tuesday, December 31 — New Year's Eve**

Church and Learning Centers' offices closed  
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 11:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, January 1 — New Year's Day**

Church and Learning Centers' offices closed

### **Thursday, January 2**

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

### **Friday, January 3**

A Time of Prayer ..... 9a.m. – Noon

### **Saturday, January 4**

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

### **Sunday, January 5 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

Morning Glory Worship Service – Communion - 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.  
Potluck Luncheon / Decorations removed – Patio & Sanctuary ..... following worship  
Word of God Bible Church – Chapel ..... 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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