

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

1st Sunday in Lent

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

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

March 1, 2020

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**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *Am I a Soldier of the Cross?* Fred Bock

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – *How Great Thou Art* # 467**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS from *Searching for Shalom* by Ann Weems

O God, we confess that we forget who we are. We don't listen for a still small voice. We walk with our heads down and miss all the stars that could be ours, but we know, O God, that You are a God of Hope who does not forget Your covenant with us, a Shepherd-God who looks for lost sheep, a faithful God who keeps calling us in spite of our deafness, a God who enters our history and opens our eyes, and heals our blindness. O God, forgive our forgetfulness, accept us as your own and send us out in hope of your love. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY (verse 5) # 420

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Thy
salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore.**

**Anthem - *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Douglas Wagner
Westminster Choir**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:1-10 (New Testament, Page78 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

**Letting Go of Religion, Living into Grace
*Living into Acceptance***

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.**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT– *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* # 280**

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 – *I Need Thee Every Hour* John Ness Beck

***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 Teresa of Ávila, 1515-82

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning us when we abandoned you. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for offering your hand of love in our darkest, most lonely moments. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for loving us more than we love ourselves. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for continuing to pour out your blessings upon us, even though we respond so poorly. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for drawing out the goodness in all people, even including us. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world. May you be blessed forever, Lord, for your countless blessings on us and on all your creatures. As we gratefully return some of those blessings, may they go forth to share the blessing of your love with this world in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***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 – *Toccata on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty J. Wayne Kerr

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

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Lay Reader – Kathleen Hinman

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Leslie Young
in honor of her son's personal growth.**

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web site at: fpcoh.org facebook.com/fpcoh/

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**

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LENTEN FILM SERIES

Begins March 4th, 7:00 p.m. in the chapel, with

— *Harriett* —

This historical drama follows Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery, her heroic return to rescue her family, and her daring efforts that delivered scores of fellow slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad.

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**March 8
Daylight Saving Time begins —
Spring forward!!**

BOLD JUSTICE RALLY —

**Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:30 p.m.,
at
The Sanctuary Church, 1400 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

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

God Loves You No Matter What!!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS —

PW Taco Tuesday, March 3rd, 5:30 p.m., Patron Azteca, 5181 Sheridan Street

Deborah Circle, March 9th, 11:30 a.m., in the chapel

Koinonia Circle, March 14th, 10:00 a.m. at Kathy Meyer's

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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 – 2 to 5 PM

Tuesday – 10 to 11 AM

Wednesday – 3:00 to 6:00 PM

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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YOU'RE INVITED TO

wine & unwind

A FRIENDSHIP EVENT
FOR WOMEN ONLY

MARCH 6TH, 2020 • 7PM
\$10 PER PERSON

TEXT **GirlTime to 555888**
by March 4th to reserve your spot

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1558 HOLLYWOOD BLVD
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33020



BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR FRIENDS AT WAUMBALAND

**If we could read the secret history of our enemies,
we should find in each one's life sorrow and suffering
enough to disarm all hostility.**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Poet

**Understanding a person does not mean condoning;
it only means that one does not accuse them as if
one were God or a judge placed above them.**

Erich Fromm

**If we are not as yet joined one to another in love, we most surely are in sin,
and sin is a wonderful bond because it precludes
the possibility of separation through judgment.**

William Sloan Coffin

**One finds God because one is already found by God.
Anything we would find on our own would not be GOD.**

Catherine M. LaCugna, Theologian

God did not come to improve the improvable, but to raise the dead.

*Adapted from Robert Farrar Capon,
Kingdom, Grace and Judgment*

**Comfort yourselves. It is not from yourselves that you should expect grace;
but, on the contrary, it is in expecting nothing from yourselves,
that you must hope for it.**

Blaise Pascal, French mathematician and theological thinker

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1 – Lent 1

- 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.

Tuesday, March 3

- Presbyterian Women’s Taco Tuesday – Patron Azteca, 5181 Sheridan Street 5:30 p.m.
- Cub Scouts - Hollywood Central Elementary 6:30 p.m.
- Boy Scouts – 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.
- Bold Justice Rally – 1400 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4

- Lenten Film Series – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 6

- Wine and Unwind - Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

- Share-A-Meal – Church Kitchen 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 8 – Lent 2 — Daylight Saving Time begins

- Morning Glory Worship Service - Communion - 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 - Baptism - Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

THIS FRIDAY, IT'S WINE AND UNWIND!

Women, come out for a fun evening with great wine and other beverages, a wonderful selection of heavy hors d'oeuvres, including pastries from Doris' Italian Market (Yum!), and some fun surprises too (including door prizes)! Only \$10.00 a person gets you all that!

And don't just come alone: **invite a friend!** This is a great way to live into our vision of "invited, welcomed and loved" But we can't welcome and love if you don't invite first! Here's all you need to do. Take your phone and text the word "girltime" to 555888 and let us know how many to expect. In fact, you text us any message at that number (555888), and we'll get it! And then we'll see you there.

AND.....

**SPEAKING OF INVITED, WELCOMED AND LOVED —
WHAT A GREAT DAY WE HAD ON OUR FIRST 3 SONS SUNDAY! WE HAD OVER 30
FOLKS COME OUT, AND ENJOY BEERS AND OTHER BEVERAGES, AND HAVE AN
AWESOME TIME IN A WONDERFUL PLACE! LOOK FOR OUR NEXT
3 SONS SUNDAY COMING SOON!**

**THE LENTEN MOVIE SERIES BEGINS
THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM!**

The first movie is **Harriet**, the film sharing the story of the amazing Harriet Tubman. The **New York Times** called it "a rousing and powerful drama" and the **Washington Post** "a rich, enlightening portrait." Now you can come and see why the critics praised this film so highly.

**Here is the rest of the line-up for 2020: March 11th: Just Mercy
March 18: Dark Waters; March 25th: The Two Popes
April 1st : A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**

**IT'S TIME TO RALLY FOR BOLD JUSTICE!
JOIN US AT THE SANCTUARY CHURCH IN FORT LAUDERDALE THIS COMING
TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM AS WE GET READY FOR OUR BIG ASSEMBLY IN APRIL!**

**AND MARK THAT DATE NOW! THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 7:30 PM
AT HOPEWELL BAPTIST IN POMPANO! JOIN US AND
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

EASTER LILIES

for the sanctuary

If you would like to decorate the church with lilies for our Easter worship service, here is your chance. You may place these lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one, and we will prepare a special bulletin for Easter listing each person honored or remembered. It is a great way to remember and honor the folks you love.

Number of plants: _____ \$15 per plant

Circle one: *In Loving Memory of* **OR** *In Honor of*

Given by _____

Please make your check payable to
First Presbyterian Church & mark it **Easter Lilies**.

Deadline for all orders is Sunday, March 22, 2020.

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Please fill in your name and phone number and RETURN THE ENTIRE FORM intact by placing it in the offering plate. You may also mail it directly to the church office (1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, FL 33020-5240).

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please check below if you wish to take your lily home after Easter worship:

Yes, I'll take the plant home No, please use it where