

**First Presbyterian Church**

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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

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**Welcome!**

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

**March 8, 2020**

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*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE** – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ..... Albin Whitworth

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN** – **Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!** ..... # 430

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** ..... Adapted from St. Anselm (1033-1109)

**O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart, so that desiring you, we may seek and find you; so finding you, may love you; so loving you, may hate those things which separate us from you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* Take My Life (# 391, verse 1)**

**Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Anthem** - *I Go to the Rock* ..... arr. Mary McDonald  
Westminster Choir

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN, REMAIN AT THE FRONT TO BE WITH PASTOR KENNEDY.**

**A SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM** ..... **Please see insert**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:11-32 (New Testament, Page 78 in pew Bible)**

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

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

*Living into God*

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Be Thou My Vision** ..... **# 339**

**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 – Children of the Heavenly Father** ..... **Lois McClusky**

**\*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 David Adam, 1936-2020  
Writer and Former Rector of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne**

**O Lord,**

**Open our eyes to your Presence**

**Open our minds to your grace**

**Open our lips to your praises**

**Open our hearts to your love**

**Open our lives to your healing**

**And be found among us.**

**In your name Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** ..... **# 379**

**\*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 – Festal Flourish** ..... Gordon Jacob

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

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**Lay Reader – Joseph Moniz**

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Tom & Shari Parker  
in honor of their wedding anniversary.**

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**Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Gianna Loscalzo  
daughter of Lenny Loscalzo and Maria del Pilar Vasquez.**

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

**our Facebook page: [facebook.com/fpcoh/](https://www.facebook.com/fpcoh/)**

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

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH —**

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

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

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE — March 15<sup>th</sup> for the April issue**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS —**

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

**Koinonia Circle, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 a.m. at Kathy Meyer's

**Our Spring Luncheon will be Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.** at Orangebrook Country Club, 400 Entrada Drive, – directly behind the Police Department (Park Road & Hollywood Boulevard). Speaker to be announced. Luncheon choices are Chicken Caesar Salad or Pasta Primavera. **Payment of \$25 is due at sign-up. Helen Cohen will be taking reservations after church**, or you may contact her at [Bobo1207@aol.com](mailto:Bobo1207@aol.com) or 954-646-0928. **Deadline for reservations and payment is Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Mark your calendar for this year's Easter Egg Hunt  
March 29<sup>th</sup> — Watch for details!!**

**KENNEDY'S SCHEDULE 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

**Wednesday** – 12:00 to 2:00 PM and 4:00 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.

## CALENDAR

### ***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.

### ***Monday, March 9***

Deborah Circle – Chapel .....	11:30 a.m.
Learning Center Board – Chapel .....	4:30 p.m.
Worship Team – Chapel .....	6:30 p.m.

### ***Tuesday, March 10***

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

### ***Wednesday, March 11***

1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Training - Chapel .....	3:00 p.m.
Lenten Film Series – Chapel .....	7:00 p.m.

### ***Saturday, March 14 – Newsletter deadline***

Koinonia Circle – in Kathy Meyer’s home .....	10:00 a.m.
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**Those who make religion their god will not have God for their religion.**

*Thomas Erskine of Linlathen*

**Your priorities in life aren't just marginal options. They are life-determining.  
Your personality is molded inescapably into the image of what you give priority....  
We become like the god we worship.**

*Richard Halverson, Former Chaplain of the Senate*

**It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak.  
We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition  
when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on  
making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by  
a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.**

*C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory*

**Religion has primarily to do with is-ness not ought-ness.**

*Eugene Peterson, As Kingfishers Catch Fire*

**Love seeks no cause beyond itself and no fruit; it is its own fruit,  
its own enjoyment. I love because I love; I love in order that I may love.**

*Bernard of Clairvaux, Theologian*

## **A WORD FROM KENNEDY**

### **PREPARING FOR CORONAVIRUS**

Last week, I shared in an email the steps that we are preparing to take to help make sure that coming to worship continues to be safe and healthy for everyone. And last week, the Deacons even passed out a care kit of hand sanitizer and Kleenex to everyone who attended. Thank you Deacons!

Here is a summary of the steps:

- **In worship, we will likely be adjusting the way that we serve communion, moving to using individual cups and the server (who we will instruct to do a thorough hand washing prior to serving) will drop the bread into people's palms**
- **During the Passing of the Peace, we support any of you who prefer to keep a safe distance. Pressing your palms together, holding your hand over your heart, doing a friendly fist bump or even giving a friendly nod as you greet one another are all perfectly acceptable. We hope you will take no offense if folks welcome you in this way as well.**
- **We already have hand sanitizer available throughout the Sanctuary and Church House. Feel free to use it or slip into the restroom to wash your hands as often as you like, and we will look at possibly adding other sanitizing stations as needed.**
- **At fellowship events, we will also be looking at the safest ways for us to share food, including possibly having a server being the one to serve you. This will protect us all from too many hands on the cookies!**

We will continue to evaluate and implement any other ways we can to ensure that as we share the love, we're not sharing anything else. Please feel free to provide feedback or any suggestions you might have that that we keep everyone in our ministries as safe as possible.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> IS COMING AND  
WE NEED YOU AND YOUR  
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS THERE!!!!**

On Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll be joining with our sister congregations in Bold Justice to address some serious issues in our county: neglect of the elderly in our nursing homes, mentally ill people trapped on the street, and people being put in jail when they shouldn't be there at all. And we'll be presenting reasonable and doable solutions to our county and state leaders that we will be asking them to implement. But we need to show them we care, and that means we need you to show up.

We are aiming for 50 folks to be at Hopewell Baptist Church in Pompano that night, and Daniel Williams will even be taking the van to help some of you get there. But don't just go yourself, invite someone! Heck, invite a lot of people. You don't need to be a Christian or even believe in God to be concerned about these issues and want to see them solved. And we get another opportunity to invite and welcome and show the love, that here at First Church, we're concerned not just about the folks who show up on Sunday morning but about our whole community and we're doing things to help make it better! I've even made up cards to help remind you, and to use to invite others, and I'll be handing them out today and in the coming weeks. So, **mark your calendars now for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and let's show our public leaders how much we care!**

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

**The second movie is Dark Waters – this true story of a powerful David and Goliath battle between a lawyer fighting against a callous corporation got a 90% critic score on Rotten Tomatoes and a 95% audience score – called by the New Yorker - a stirring and infuriating story of brazen corporate indifference to employees, neighbors, and the world at large.**

**Here is the rest of the line-up for 2020:**

**The Best of Enemies**

**The Two Popes**

**A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**



## 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  
**AFirst Presbyterian Church@ & mark it AEaster 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:

9 Yes, I=ll take the plant home      9 No, please use it where

*SENIOR GROUP*

*MONDAY, MARCH 16*

*1:00 P.M.*

*JUGGLER, RONI LYNN*



COME JOIN THE FUN

REFRESHMENTS SERVED