

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

3rd Sunday in Lent

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

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

March 15, 2020

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**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – Morning Hymn Gordon Young

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** # 281

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Angela Ashwin, Writer
This prayer is inspired by “If,” a poem by Rudyard Kipling

O God, when we encounter the two imposters ‘triumph’ and ‘disaster’, show us the truth once more. Give us the good sense to be neither puffed up with pride nor plunged not gloom. Pick us up and put us firmly on the narrow way that leads to freedom and redeem both our mistakes and our successes in your abundant mercy. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Live Into Hope (#332, verse 4)**

Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed.

God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

Anthem - The Power of the Cross arr. Dennis Allen

Westminster Choir

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:11-24 (New Testament, Page 78 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

Letting Go of Religion, Living into Grace

Living into Freedom

THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Galatians 5:1, New Revised Standard Version

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** # 356

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 – Calvary arr. Betty Jackson King
J'Von Brown, soloist

***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. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

**Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in you. Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness hinder us from doing it; but that in your light we may see light, and in your service find our perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.
Amen.**

***HYMN – Standing on the Promises of God** Please see insert

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Choral Benediction: *Go Ye Now in Peace* Joyce Elaine Eilers

***POSTLUDE – Rigaudon** Campra

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

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Lay Reader – Aaron Humphrey

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Ted Beutner
in memory of his wife Donna; his daughter LeeAnne; and his son, Rusty.**

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

Church office e-mail: 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**

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
March 18th, 7:00 p.m. in the chapel
The Best of Enemies

Civil rights activist Ann Atwater faces off against C.P. Ellis, Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan, in 1971 Durham, North Carolina, over the issue of school integration.

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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!!

BOOK CLUB NEWS —

The Book Club will meet on **TUESDAY, March 17th, 7:00 p.m., in the chapel**, with the next selection of the season: *The Moment of Lift*, by Melinda Gates. The Group meets six times per year on the third Wednesday of the month. The selection for April is *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper. Date TBA. Discussions are led by Ellen Yamrick, retired librarian.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) —

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **Presbyterian Women's March 28th luncheon has been cancelled.**

WORSHIP —

Our soloist this morning, **J'Von Brown, recently won first prize in the Grady-Rayam Male Division State-wide Competition.** J'Von gained an ambassadorship as the sole male representative, and will perform three concerts for the 2020 year and receive a \$3,000 scholarship. This morning Mr. Brown sings his prize winning selection, "*Calvary.*"

Congratulations, J'Von!!

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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

Wednesday: 12:00 to 2:00 PM and 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:30 to 12:30

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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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15 – Lent 3

- 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.

Monday, March 16

- Senior Group – Chapel 1:00 p.m.
- Session Book meeting – Chapel 6:30 p.m.
- Session – Chapel 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

- Cub Scouts - Hollywood Central Elementary 6:30 p.m.
- Boy Scouts – 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.
- Bible Study – Church Office 7:00 p.m.
- Book Club – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

- 1st Communion Training - Chapel 3:45 p.m.
- Lenten Film Series – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 – Lent 4

- 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.
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When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other.

Eric Hoffer, The Passionate State of Mind

Freedom isn't made up principally of privileges.

It is made up especially of duties.

Albert Camus, Philosopher

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.

Lewis Smedes, Theologian

**The ultimate posture that prepares us for freedom is humility,
quite simply coming to the end of ourselves.**

Danielle Strickland, The Ultimate Exodus

There is no freedom like seeing myself as I am and not losing hope.

Macrina Wiederkehr, Benedictine nun

**To love life is to be whole in all one's parts;
and to be whole in all one's parts is to be free and unafraid.**

Howard Thurman, Theologian

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A WORD FROM KENNEDY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND IS COMING AND TODAY YOU HAVE THE CARDS TO INVITE OTHERS!

They're all coming! The Broward County Sheriff committed (and also the four folks running against him –hmmm, that should be interesting); all four Broward Commissioners we've invited have committed, including the Mayor; the person in charge of putting generators in assisted living throughout the state of Florida has committed. And, the list keeps growing! But if they've committed, we definitely need you to, also!

On Thursday, April 2nd, we'll be joining with our sister congregations in Bold Justice to address serious issues in our county: neglect of the elderly in our nursing homes; mentally ill people trapped on the streets; and people being jailed when they shouldn't be there at all; and we will be asking our county and state leaders to implement the reasonable and doable solutions we are proposing. But to show them we care, we need you to show up.

We are aiming for 50 folks to join us at Hopewell Baptist Church in Pompano that night; Daniel Williams will even be driving 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 resolved. Plus, we get another opportunity to invite and welcome and show the love that is here at First Church; and that 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! And today we're handing out cards to help remind you, and to use to invite others! So, **mark your calendars now for April 2nd**, and let's show our public leaders how much we care! **7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Hopewell Baptist Church: 890 N.W. 15th St., Pompano Beach, FL 33060**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

We want you to come to worship, but we also want you to be safe. So, here are a few steps we are taking:

- Before we enter the sanctuary, ushers will be asking you to do a little sanitizer moment with your hands. Please be cooperative with this request.
- We'll be lowering the touch contact during the "God loves you no matter what" part of the service. You can feel free to fistbump or wave or even put your palms together in a sort of Christian "namaste" moment. And we'll also ask you to limit your movement around the sanctuary to just the folks around you.
- We'll be adjusting the way that we do communion as well. For April communion will be on Holy Thursday, and as that first Sunday is Palm Sunday, we will not be having it on that day. That will also give us a chance to make sure our new procedure will work when we have our First Communion celebration on the first Sunday in May.

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

THE LENTEN MOVIE SERIES CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM!

The next movie is *The Best of Enemies* – a true story of the unlikely relationship in the 1970s between a civil rights leader and the local leader of the Ku Klux Klan – called "a pleasure to watch" by the *San Francisco Chronicle* and "a rock solid movie" by *Variety*, this movie both challenges and inspires.

Here is the rest of the line-up for 2020: *The Two Popes*, and *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter

**Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**



Annual Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt 2020

**Join us March 29th for a
combined worship service at 10:30 a.m.!
(Our 8:30 Morning Glory worship will stay at its regular time.)**

After worship, it will be off to the picnic where we will have
Easter Egg Hunts for every age - including adults!
And then we will enjoy a delectable lunch provided
by our Learning Center.

SEE MS. FATIMA IN THE LOBBY TODAY FOR TICKETS!

or call 954-922-8558.

Pre-sale: Adults \$15, Children \$12

March 29th at the gate: \$20 per person.

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:

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

SENIOR GROUP

MONDAY, MARCH 16

1:00 P.M.

JUGGLER, RONI LYNN



COME JOIN THE FUN

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Worship, April 5th, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Mundy Thursday, April 9th, 6:00 p.m.

We will gather in the chapel for a light meal of soup and bread, then adjourn to the sanctuary for a meditation from Rev. McGowan, and a sharing together in the Lord=s Supper.

Child care is provided.

Good Friday, April 10th, 7:00 p.m.

We will gather in the sanctuary for a powerful service combining prayer and song with a dramatic retelling of the Passion story. **Child care is provided.**

Easter, April 12st, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

The Easter Flower Cross

Good Friday, the cross will be placed near the corner of 16th Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard. On Easter, you are asked to bring a flower to personally place on the cross as you enter church. You are encouraged to bring flowers of any kind, especially those from your own garden. Glorify God with the beauty and variety of nature.