



Each Sunday Morning:

9:00 a.m. – Prayer on the Patio in-person with Pastor Kennedy

10:15 a.m. – In-person & Live Streaming of Worship Service

Each Wednesday Evening:

4:00 p.m. – Experience a serene moment of prayer and connection in our Sanctuary. Feel free to drop by anytime between 4 – 7 p.m. to pray, find solace, or receive the blessing of prayer from our community.

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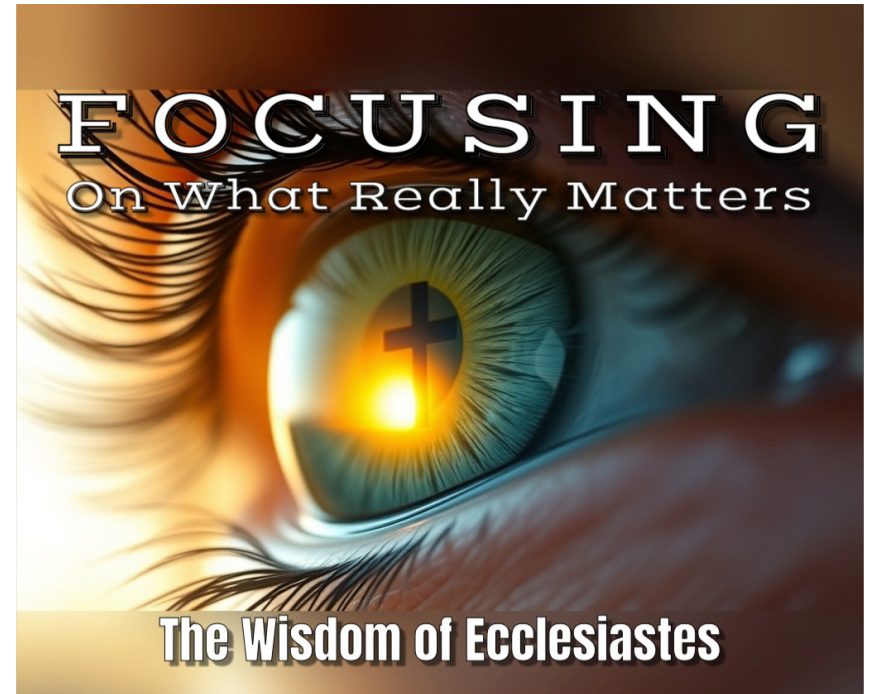
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18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12th, 2025

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Welcome to our Worship Service!
We are so glad you are here!

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Praise and Worship

Join us in song

- 1) Great Is Thy Faithfulness 2) All Creatures of Our God and King
3) For the Beauty of the Earth 4) Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
5) Give Thanks 6) I Love You, Lord

Lyrics on screen

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Something Beautiful

Something beautiful, something good;
All my confusion He understood;
All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife,
But He made something beautiful of my life.

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Solo – The Perfect Wisdom of Our God Stuart Townend/Keith Getty/Lloyd Larson
Randy Zinkus, soloist

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Kennedy M. McGowan

Focusing on What Matters
The Wisdom of Ecclesiastes
Living with the End in Mind

SCRIPTURE READING – Ecclesiastes 7:1-14 (NRSV version)

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death, than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of everyone, and the living will lay it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of countenance the heart is made glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of fools; this also is vanity. Surely oppression makes the wise foolish, and a bribe corrupts the heart. Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit. Do not be quick to anger, for anger lodges in the bosom of fools. Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For it is not from wisdom that you ask this. Wisdom is as good as an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to the

one who possesses it. Consider the work of God; who can make straight what he has made crooked? In the day of prosperity, be joyful, and in the day of adversity, consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that comes after them.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – Debtors version

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

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Offertory – Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

Dale Wood

OFFERING OF PRAYER

Adapted from William Temple (1881-1944)

O Lord, as the years change, may we find rest in your eternal changelessness. Help us meet each year bravely, in the faith that, while life changes all around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN – Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

Not in Hymnbook

Congregational Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE – March on the Old Hundred Psalm Tune

Brenda Portman





Events & Announcements

Carnival Night - October 24th


Come one, come all to our Carnival Fall Festival night on October 24th from 5:30-9:30. There will be rides, games, delicious food and more! \$30 per child. \$50 unlimited rides and games. Adults are free! We hope to see you there.

Newcomers' Seminar - October 19th

Interested in learning more about First Church and exploring membership? Join us for our Newcomers' Seminar on Sunday, October 19th after the 10:15 a.m. Service! Enjoy a complimentary lunch and childcare while you discover more about our community. The seminar includes a guided tour of our campus and lasts about 90 minutes to 2 hours. Click the Register button to claim your spot and take the first step in getting connected with us!

Multicultural Food Festival - November 2nd

Join us for our Multicultural Festival of Deliciousness on Sunday, November 2nd after our 10:15 worship! This First Sunday Lunch is always special as folks come out to serve up special dishes from their cultural heritage (or the culture they were was theirs), and it comes with prizes too! The best dressed table and the table with the most delicious dishes will each get a \$50.00 Publix gift card! So, think about what you wish to cook and share, and join us on the patio for one of our most fun events of the year! For more information and to register your dish, look for the invitation card in this bulletin.

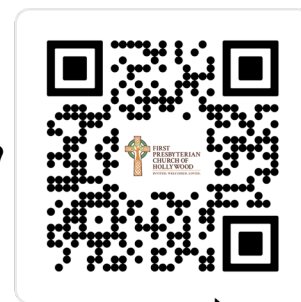


WELCOME VISITORS!

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 inviting and welcoming everyone into God's amazing love! For information, visit us on our website at: FPCOH.org

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Women's Bible Study

Sunday Morning's at 9 - 10 a.m. – Jump right in and join us for an expository style study of the Gospels in chronological order. We take our time to understand the scriptures and to find the life application of Jesus' words and ministry. Come as you are, we provide refreshments and bibles. Located in the upstairs conference room at the end of the hall.

We'll see you there! Ages 13+

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