



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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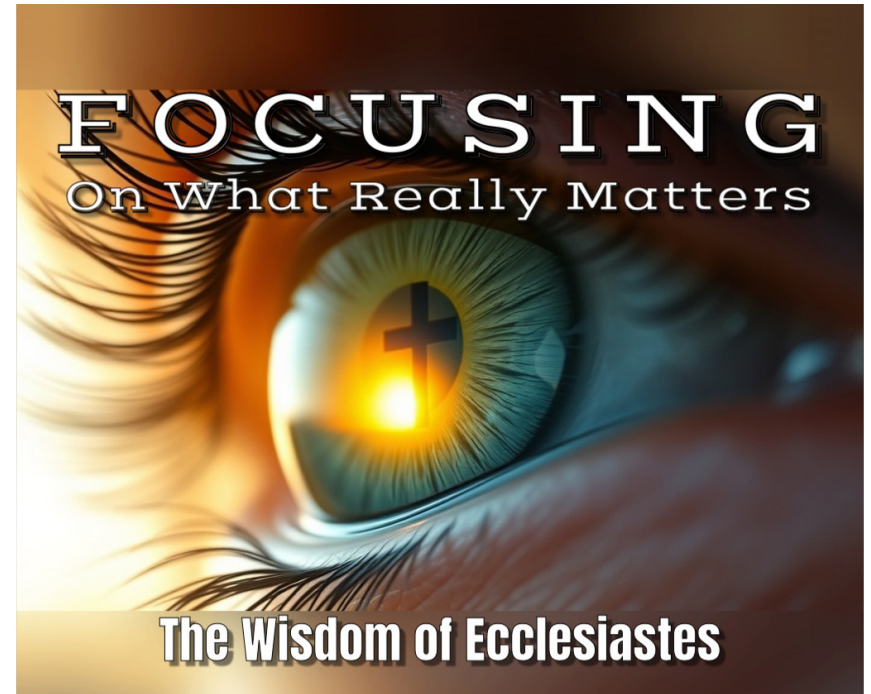
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19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19th, 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

My Tribute

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Solo – Come to Jesus

Chris Rice/Mark Hayes

Kristen Gensel, soloist

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Kennedy M. McGowan

Focusing on What Matters
The Wisdom of Ecclesiastes
Living with the Limits

SCRIPTURE READING – Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 (NRSV version)

All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not know. Everything that confronts them is vanity, since the same fate comes to all, to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to those who sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice. As are the good, so are the sinners; those who swear are like those who shun an oath. This is an evil in all that happens under the sun, that the same fate comes to everyone. Moreover, the hearts of humans are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. But whoever is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no more reward, and even the memory of them is lost. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished; never again will they have any share in all that happens under the sun. Go, eat your bread with enjoyment and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has long ago approved what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might, for there is no

work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going. Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the skillful, but time and chance happen to them all. For no one can anticipate one's time. Like fish taken in a cruel net or like birds caught in a snare, so mortals are snared at a time of calamity, when it suddenly falls upon 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 – Here I Am, Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

OFFERING OF PRAYER

Adapted from Ulla Monberg

God, who is with us at our beginning and ending, be with us now. Help us to find you in the chaos and limits of our lives. Let your light shine in our darkness, your love in our limits, so that we may be guided to walk in your ways all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

HYMN – Here I Am, Lord

Hymn #525

All 3 Verses

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 – Nun danket alle Gott

Albert L. Travis



Events & Announcements

Newcomers' Seminar - October 19th

Interested in learning more about First Church and exploring membership? Join us for our Newcomers' Seminar today 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!

Taco Tuesday - October 21st

Please join us for Taco Tuesday, Oct 21 at Patron Azteca Mexican Restaurant at 5:30. 5181 Sheridan St, Hollywood, in shopping center with Kohl's. RSVP to Kathryn at 954-444-6492. (Text or call)

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.

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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