

**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

**9 - 10 a.m.** – Women’s Bible Study located in Chapel Room

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. We’ll see you there! Contact Yezi W. directly – **954-279-8242** (email below). Ages 13+

**Each Wednesday Evening:**

**4:00 p.m.** – Experience a serene moment of prayer and connection in our Chapel. 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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**Welcome to our Worship Service!**  
**We are so glad you are here!**

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**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

**Praise and Worship**

Join us in song

*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**

**The Bell Choir – God Is So Good**

**Douglas E. Wagner**

Luann Myers, Suzi Wolfe, Aaron Charles-Humphrey,  
Windy Johnston, Mary Silvestro

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Kennedy M. McGowan**

**Making Room for Jesus  
Making Room in the Silence**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 1:5-20 (NRSV version)**

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth

will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

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You may also mail a check to:

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**Offertory – Holy Is the Lord**

**Franz Schubert/Douglas E. Wagner**

The Bell Choir

**OFFERING OF PRAYER**

Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. In your name we pray. Amen.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
COMMUNION OF BREAD AND CUP

HYMN – Peace is Flowing like a River

Not in Hymnal

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE – Good King Wenceslas

Daniel Gawthrop



**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](http://FPCOH.org)



Scan the QR Code to receive more info about our church, learn how to become a member, and ask any questions you might have!



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Our QR code for the holiday season will take you directly to the Give Hope Campaign fund.



*Events & Announcements*

**Angel Tree**

This year we are sponsoring 50 students from both our Learning Centers and Hollywood Hills to each receive a Christmas gift! All gifts need to be returned by Dec. 17. The gift limit is \$15.00. No clothing, please. A card table with an attendant will be set up in the Narthex for people to choose an 'Angel' and pick up a bag in which to return their gift. Thank you to everyone who is able to make a child smile this holiday season.

**Pancakes and Pj's Christmas Party • December 8th at 5:30 p.m.**

We're bringing back our Pancakes and Pajamas party as our first Fridays at First event of the season! Come in your pjs and enjoy the Christmas spirit with holiday music, decorations, and breakfast for dinner! There's still time to RSVP, just scan the QR code below!



**Music in the Garden • December 17th at 7 p.m.**

Join us for our annual Music in the Garden event with lovely Christmas music and delicious food.

**Christmas Eve Service • December 24th at 5:30 p.m.**

We welcome all to our Christmas Eve service with the Nativity scene performed by the children, beautiful music, and an inspiring message. Let us know you're coming by RSVPing with the QR code below.



To find our full calendar of events, head over to [fpcoh.org/calendar](http://fpcoh.org/calendar) or scan the QR code here:

