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CHURCH OF  
HOLLYWOOD**  
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#### **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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# Welcome to Christmas Eve at FPCOH

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**We are so glad you are here!**



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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION  
PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION  
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE



**CAROL – O Come All Ye Faithful**

**Hymn #41**

*Verses 1 – 3*

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS



**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Solo – Breath of Heaven**

**Chris Eaton/Amy Grant/Lloyd Larson**

Kristen Gensel, Soloist

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

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You may also mail a check to:

**First Presbyterian Church, 1530 Hollywood Blvd,  
Hollywood, Florida 33020**

**OFFERING OF PRAYER**

Adapted from William Temple, 1881-1944

We pray you, Lord, to purify our hearts that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place. Let us never fail to find room for you, but come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you, for at this time you were born into the world for us, and live and reign, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, now and forever. Amen.



**CAROL – Away in a Manger**

**Hymn #25**

*Verses 1 – 3*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Kennedy M. McGowan

The Wonder of Waiting

**SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV version)**



**CAROL – Silent Night**

**Hymn #60**

*Verses 1 – 4*

**CAROL – Joy to the World**

**Hymn #40**

*Verses 1 – 4*

WORD OF BLESSING AND RESPONSE





## Events & Announcements

### Join the Mission!


With thanks to Kathryn Tyahla, our church is partnering with Sunset Presbyterian to fund a home for a family in need through Habitat for Humanity's 2026 Apostles Build. We're aiming for a \$10,000 goal, with half going to the build and half to our sanctuary's lobby bathroom renovation. Let's work together to make a difference! Consider being part of a \$5,000 matching gift. Reach out if you're interested and stay tuned for more info on our End of Year Giving Campaign!

### A lot to look forward to on January 4th!

We are kicking off the beginning of the new year right with **Pastor Kennedy's new Sermon Series**, "Discovering the Answers You've Been Yearning For," where he will be exploring faith and life's big questions. Then after our 10:15 a.m. worship service we will have our **Taking Down the Greens**, asking anyone who is able to help us remove the Christmas decor, and our delicious **First Sunday Lunch** will be provided to all. We hope to see you there!

### Friday at First Carnival, January 23rd!

Savor global flavors from Mardi Gras to Brazil & the Caribbean. Join us to explore faith and fun in a whole new way!

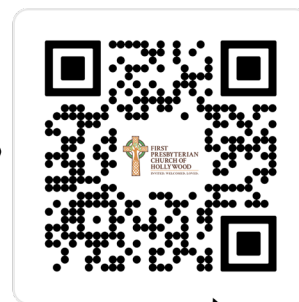


## WELCOME VISITORS!

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)

## Find all of your FPCOH needs in one place!

Weekly Worship Info, App Download, Connect Card, Online Giving, Calendar, and more.



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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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