



#### **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 our Worship Service!**  
**We are so glad you are here!**

**Web: [FPCOH.org](https://FPCOH.org)**

**Bell Choir – 1. Once in Royal David's City – John Ness Beck/Douglas E. Wagner**

**2. We Three Kings – Douglas E. Wagner**

Luann Myers, Aaron Charles-Humphrey, Windy Johnston, Brigitte Worman,  
Cristina Garcia-Granda, Diane Loffrado, Kristen Gensel

**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE**



**Praise and Worship**

**Join us in song**

1. Joy to the World! 2. Angels We Have Heard on High  
3. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 4. O Little Town of Bethlehem.  
5. The First Nowell. 6. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*Lyrics on screen*

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Emmanuel**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Special Music – O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly**

**Dan R. Edwards**

The Bell Choir

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Kennedy M. McGowan**

The Worth of Waiting

**The Power of Waiting Together**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 1:3-14 (NRSV version)**

*Scripture on screen.*

**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.

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

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may be made on-line through our website: [FPCOH.org](http://FPCOH.org) or in our app.

Find the link and QR Code on the insert of this bulletin.

You may also mail a check to:

**First Presbyterian Church, 1530 Hollywood Blvd,  
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**Offertory – Breath of Heaven**

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

**Kristen Gensel, soloist**

**OFFERING OF PRAYER**

**Adapted from Jim Cotter, 1942-2014**

In the depths of our being, may we become quiet and still: we wait  
for you, our God, source of our salvation. In your blessed Son's name,  
Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN – Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

**Hymn #22**

*All 4 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 – Good King Wenceslas**

**Daniel E. Gawthrop**





## Events & Announcements

### Christmas Eve Service, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Experience Christmas through special music, a kid-friendly drama, and an inspiring message. We hope to see you there and have a Merry Christmas!

### 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.



### 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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