

Sunday Worship
June 30, 2019

We welcome you to worship.

Inspirational Thought For The Week

“When we are tired, we are attacked by ideas we conquered long ago.”
(Friedrich Nietzsche)

Prelude/Introit¹

“O Saviour of the World”
Dan and Elena Bates, soloists

Harold Moore

“O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and passion hast redeemed us.
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee. Amen.”

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship (Psalm 47:6,7)

Responsively

Leader: “Sing praises to God! Sing praises!

Congregation: Sing praises to our king!

Leader: Sing praises because God is king of the whole world!

Congregation: Sing praises with a song of instruction!”

***Hymn of Praise No. 2**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hyfrydol

***Opening Prayer**

First Scripture Reading (p. 225)

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

Minute for Youth Mission Trip

Sacrament of Baptism

Daughter of Alex and Neva Espinoza

Charlotte Espinoza

Time with the Children

Gathering Song²: “This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made”

“This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made.”

Going Song: “Jesus Loves Me”

“Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.”

Children 3-years-old through Kindergarten are excused for Bible Bunch (Bible Bunch Rm)
Children in grades 1 through 5 are excused for Sunday School (Sunday School Rm)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

"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; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen."

The Ministry of The Church

(Please sign and pass the red friendship book.)

Offering . . . *"Freely we have received, freely let us give."*

Offertory Anthem "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Peter Wilhousky

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

"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."

* Unison Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 77:11

I will remember the Lord's deeds; yes, I will remember your wondrous acts from times long past.

Special Music

"Deep River"

arr. Howard Helvey

Second Scripture Reading (p. 723)

Psalm 77:1-15

Message

"Family Stories"

Rev. Rapiere

*Hymn of Dedication No. 210

St. Anne

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Benediction

*Postlude

"March"

Felix Mendelssohn

*The congregation is invited to stand, if able.

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The Church Bell is rung in loving memory of Kenneth (1903–1988) and Mary (1906–1993) Jacobson. Prior to Sunday morning worship, the bell from our original Sanctuary is rung in memory of those interred in our Memorial Garden. Let us pause to give thanks for all who have gone before us, who rest in the peace of God, thanking God for the Christian witness of their lives.

The **flowers** that beautify the Chancel this morning are given by their children and their families, in loving memory of Howard and Ruth Smith.

Today we celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism** for Charlotte Espinoza, daughter of Alex and Neva Espinoza.

Beginning tomorrow, July 1st, Dr. Hood will be on study leave and sabbatical, returning to the pulpit on July 21st.

Gifts to

Remembrance Fund from Alexandra Harris, in loving memory of Jo Garnett; and from Joe and Eleanor Workman, in loving memory of C. Adams Moore.

Take Note

Capital Campaign Update: “Pledges” reached the goal of \$3.5 million in July 2018. Those who pledged made great strides in fulfilling those and we are now within \$100,000 from “collecting” all of it. If you have made a pledge and are able to finish off your fulfillment of such pledge, it will put us at our goal of full collection. Thank you again to all those who volunteered and committed financial resources to this tremendous project!

Today, Sunday, June 30th, we will be collecting the **“Pennies from Heaven” Offering**. Following the service, don’t forget to put your 5 cents per meal per person in your household in one of the cans at the exit doors or in the caldron on the Chancel so that we can help feed hungry people. Your donation may be in the form of coins, paper bills, or checks.

Today Sunday, June 30th, following the worship service, be the first to celebrate July 4th! You are invited to a **Pre-Fourth of July Church Picnic** in **Fellowship Hall**. Grilled burgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided.

Are you interested in **joining our church**? If so, we would love to see you **next, Sunday, July 7th** in the **Covered Patio immediately following the worship service**. In order to join, no reservations or classes are required for those who have been previously baptized.

The beautiful **Chancel flowers** we enjoy in the Sanctuary, during the worship service, are donated in honor of or memory of loved ones. The donor and the loved ones are remembered in the Sunday bulletin. The cost of two arrangements is \$50. If two families want flower arrangements on the same Sunday, the cost can be shared. The donor may select the recipients for the arrangements or the Deacons can be designated to deliver the flowers to shut-ins. If you would like to order flowers, contact Linda Prior (561-276-6338).

We are pleased to announce that we will be **sailing** aboard AMA Waterways on Melodies of the Danube for 10 nights including 3 nights in Prague. The AMA Serena will embark **October 23, 2020** on this 85 cabin vessel. Dr. Hood will be teaching, Understanding How God Changes Lives. Please contact Robert Paris (561-276-6338) for further information. A detailed flyer is in the Narthex. Book by June 30th and save \$500 per person on cruise fare.

Stop by the **Narthex** and purchase **Doug Hood’s new book** Nurture Faith: Five Minutes to Strengthen Your Walk with Christ for **\$15**. This expanded edition of Heart & Soul: Volume 2 contains 24% new material in a more compact design.

Connect with First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for the **Pre-Fourth of July Church Picnic** in **Fellowship Hall**, following the worship service.

Free Wi-Fi is available on the church campus. Connect to the FPC-Guest or Fellowship Hall network. The password is fpcguest.

Read **Doug Hood's weekly meditation** through our church website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Resources*. Don't forget to subscribe to his meditation so that you do not miss any of the postings.

For those interested in taking notes during the worship service, a **Sermon Notes Page** is available by the west door.

If you are a member of the church and need a **blue** First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach **parking sticker**, stop by the church office during the week.

Members who would like to receive **email notification of members' deaths and memorial services** should contact Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com).

If you would like to receive your **Spire Newsletter electronically**, please email Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com), text FPCDELRAYBEACH to 22828 (message and data rates may apply), or complete the online form on our website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Resources*.

Church Membership Directory

The **Pictorial Church Membership Directory** is available online for members of the church. Visit our website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Connect* for more information.

Sunday Mornings

Please turn off your **cell phones and electronic devices** during the worship service.

Closed Circuit TV is available for viewing the worship service in the **Quiet Room**.

Children's Worship Activities and Bibles are at the **Children's Tables** in the **Covered Patio** for use during worship.

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Deacons.

Nursery Care for children from birth through Kindergarten is available from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the **Nursery**.

For Our Younger Worshippers

Children's Worship Activities and Bibles are at the **Children's Table** in the **Covered Patio** for use during worship. Please return the clipboards and Bibles to the table after the service.

Sunday Children's Programs

Bible Bunch Sunday School meets after the Children's Time during the **worship service**. Children 3 years old through Kindergarten should follow the class leaders to the **Bible Bunch Room**. The class is led by Alice Barrett and Iva Branscombe.

Sunday School for Children in 1st through 5th grade, meets after the Children's Time during the **worship service**. They are using the *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum. The class is led by Grace Hood and Liz Landes in the **Sunday School Room**.

Weekly Education Programs

The **Men's Fellowship** meets on **Thursday** at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Meeting Room**. They are discussing the Nurture Faith from Sunday's bulletin. For more information, contact Bruce Gimmy (561-276-6338). They will **not meet this week** due to the 4th of July holiday.

The **Women's Discipleship Group** meets on **Thursdays** at **10 a.m.** in the **Meeting Room**. All women are invited to attend the study on Growing to be like Christ, Doing Life Together by Zondervan and Rick Warren. They will **not meet this week** due to the 4th of July holiday.

Bi-Monthly Educational Program

First and Last Bible Study is a new bible study geared toward the working/studying crowd. We meet the **first and last Wednesday of each month** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Meeting Room**. There will be **no bible study this week**. It will resume **Wednesday, July 31st**.

Young Adults

Young Adult gatherings will resume in **September**.

Music

The **Chancel Choir** rehearses on **Sunday** mornings at **9:30 a.m.** to prepare for the worship service in the **Choir Room**. Don Cannarozzi is available for those who may be shy about becoming part of this ministry. You can speak with him after the service, or contact him (dcannaro@hotmail.com) for more information.

Holly House

Holly House Workshops for woman meet on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the **Holly House**. If you enjoy crafting, sewing, needlework, jewelry making, floral design, or making items for the coastal home, you are invited to bring a friend, enjoy the camaraderie, and make products to be sold at the Holiday Gift Shoppe. For more information, contact Cindy Pemberton (561-276-6338).

Financial Considerations

There is a very convenient way to **donate online** to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange which is part of the 200+ year old Presbyterian Foundation and transfers your donation promptly. Visit the church website (www.firstdelray.com) under *Give* for more information.

On December 18, 2015, the President signed legislation indefinitely extending the **charitable IRA rollover provision** enabling IRA owners ages 70½ or older to make a direct, tax-free transfer to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach or the charity of their choice. Certain limitations apply so consult your tax adviser.

Employment Connections Ministry – Career Shepherds

The **Employment Connections Ministry** assists individuals to get career guidance. We invite all church members to join this ministry by lending their expertise and availability to mentor or help for whatever time they may have available. Contact Richard Story (561-276-6338) or Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com or 561-276-6338, ext. 10) for more information.

Membership

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Invite a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, or business associate to worship with us. Share your faith and love for Christ's Church with others.

Mission Opportunity

We are making **Hygiene Kits** for The Caring Kitchen. If you have unopened travel size items that you would like to donate, please put them in the collection basket in the Narthex.

Pennies from Heaven

Help us support the battle against hunger and poverty at home and away through our **Pennies from Heaven** Offering. Collect 5 cents per family member per meal each day. All monies collected are donated on a quarterly basis to local, regional, and national food programs. We collected \$368.20 from the **May Offering**. Since September 2012, we have collected \$40,479.70. Our next collection is **today, Sunday, June 30th**.

Prayer Ministry Team

The **Prayer Ministry Team** is taking a summer break. However, prayer requests that come through our worship services or through the church office are still distributed by the church office to the prayer ministry team for individual prayer. Each request is treated with respect, confidentiality, and caring. You are **invited to join** this team by calling Sharon Koch (561-276-6338).

Prayer Concern Cards are in the pews. If you have a specific prayer concern, please complete a card and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Concerns are forwarded to members of the Prayer Ministry Team and pastoral staff.

Hospitalization

If you or a family member are **hospitalized**, please notify the church office (561-276-6338). Even if you give the name of the church upon admission, the hospital will not notify us.

Special Prayer List as of June 25th

Please keep our members and friends in your thoughts and prayers this week.



A New Outlook

READ: Galatians 4:3-5 (Common English Bible)

“In the same way, when we were minors, we were also enslaved by this world’s system. But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. This was so he could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted.”

REFLECT:

Instant Family, a 2018 American comedy film starring Mark Wahlberg and Rose Byrne, weaves a story of a married couple considering the option of adopting a child. The hopeful parents are brought to an adoption fair where they have the opportunity to meet children they may consider adopting. As the story unfolds, the couple becomes foster parents to three siblings, one a teenager – foster care a requirement on the journey towards adoption. As foster parents there are laws that govern the dynamics of the relationship they will have with the children. One such law is that the children’s cell phone cannot be taken away. Although this “new” family initially experiences joy, it doesn’t take long for things to get hectic. Though the movie is a heart-warming comedy, it does grapple honestly with the struggles and difficulties that are a part of any family, particularly with an “instant” family as this one.

We were very much like the three children in the movie. The three children were in a foster system with its own regulations and rules and we were in “this world’s system” with laws that made claims upon us. The Apostle Paul writes that we were “enslaved” to the world’s way of looking at things. We are no stranger to how the world sees things; to the values that shape a world outlook on life. The worship of money, the passionate pursuit of success and position, and the desire for comforts found in ease, food and drink form the tapestry of a world outlook. Initially, that outlook may not appear to be enslavement. It all seems to be quite attractive, particularly to those who are still striving for them. Yet, with all the promises of happiness with this outlook, those who are honest will confess to a deep-seated dissatisfaction with life. What remains is a hope for something more.

In the movie, *Instant Family*, the three children desire something more than foster care with all of its rules, restrictions, and uncertainty. Realizing how much they love and care for the three children, the couple also long for something more, something deeper. Eventually they all gather for a court hearing to decide on the question of adoption. It has been a long, broken road to the court hearing but the three children and the couple all want to become a legal family. Love has gripped each of their hearts. The old system of foster care no longer brought deep satisfaction and joy. The adoption is finalized and the laws that governed foster care fall away. The relationship of the children to their adoptive parents will now be governed by a more generous and gracious dynamic. Each of the five begins the joyous discovery together of what it means to belong to each other.

In the person of Jesus Christ, our own enslavement to the world and its values has ended. We have been adopted as God’s very own children. It is an adoption that has been secured by a God that desires something more for us, something less restrictive, and more gracious, something less

This Week: June 30th through July 4th

Sunday, June 30th

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Nursery Care – Nursery
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room
9:30 a.m. Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
10 a.m. Bible Bunch Sunday School – Bible Bunch Room
10 a.m. Sunday School (1st – 5th grades) – Sunday School Room
11 a.m. Pre-Fourth of July Picnic – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 2nd

9:30 a.m. Holly House Workshop – Holly House
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Dr. Hood's Study

Thursday, July 4th

Office Closed for the July 4th Holiday

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