

**First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale  
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# ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## WINTER / SPRING 2018

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

**THE OLD IN THE NEW**

the Old Testament and its words and ideas influenced the writers of the New Testament.  
6:30pm / Room: Chapel In The Sky  
Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant

**BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE**

Dig in to scripture about women who challenge us and make learning the Bible more fun than ever!  
6:30m / Room NC-216  
Facilitated by Mona Petersen

**JOHN'S GOSPEL: WISDOM FROM EPHESUS**

Experience an interactive way of studying the Bible and the Gospel of John.  
6:30m / Study & Renewal Center  
Facilitated by Bill Condon

**THE SIX TRUTHS OF MOTHERHOOD  
Second Wednesdays of the month**

In this six-lesson study, you will tackle some of the big challenges moms face today and be reminded that God still has an amazing, abundant life planned for us as mothers...but it starts with us walking in the truth — His truth.  
9:30am - bring snack / Childcare provided  
Room: NC-227  
Facilitated by Nikki Diefenbach  
Contact: jennifer.diefenbach@gmail.com

**Congregational Care Support Groups:**

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

(continues) First Wednesdays  
11:00am - 12:30pm  
Study & Renewal Center  
Contact Alina Aiken: alzacs.org@gmail.com

**DIVORCE CARE**

This 13 week support group is for anybody who is separated or divorced.  
6:30pm / Spanish Room  
Contact Tricia Young: bondutr@bellsouth.net

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN FOR EVERYONE**

Begins January 7th, 2018  
One of the most beautiful books in the Bible, we will read and discuss it with humility and hope.  
9:30am / Room: NC-216  
Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw

**TUES / THURS / FRI - AM / PM**

**MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

7:45am (continues)  
Room: NC-202 / Neumann Center Library

**PEBBLES OF FAITH**

**EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
"THE ARMOR OF GOD" by Priscilla Shirer  
Fourth Tuesdays of the month  
6:00pm Potluck Dinner /study & discussion following  
Room: NC-218  
Facilitated by Kim White  
west\_kim@bellsouth.net

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECT!**

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
Secrets of the Vine - The adventure of living the abundant life is the focus of this study by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson.  
March 1 - April 26  
Course Workbooks: \$7  
Contact MonaP@firstpres.cc  
(954) 598-9345

**MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY / LUNCH**

12:00pm (continues)  
Room NC-202 (Nuemann Center Library)  
Facilitated by Eric Johnson



For more information about our Studies and Small Group, connect with:  
Mona Petersen, Director Adult Christian Education (ACE) and Small Groups  
954.598.9234 / MonaP@firstpres.cc



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**9:30 AM**

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

Welcome to worship at First Pres. We are happy to have you with us this morning. It is completely appropriate to dress casually for this service, if you wish. The nursery is available for children 3 and younger, if you choose, but we would also love to have your children worship with us.

**April 15, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

\* Worship

Community Life

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

\* Worship

Sharing our Gifts

"Rooftops" - Jesus Culture

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 36-48

The Message

"Can I Get a Witness?!"

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

\* Worship

\* Benediction

\*please stand if you are able

Online giving is available by going to [www.firstpres.cc](http://www.firstpres.cc), clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

**Worship Team:** Al Leonardis, Nic Merchant, Mona Petersen, Al Quiton, Steve Smithberg

**Projection Imagery:** Amy Merchant

**Sound, Lights, Video:** Evan Barber

*This week's music*

"You'll Come" – Hillsong

"God With Us" – All Sons and Daughters

"Your Glory" – All Sons and Daughters

"Build Your Kingdom Here" – Rend Collective

**Listen to the songs from worship during the week**

Listen to music from worship on Spotify. Download the free app, sign in with your Facebook account, search for Nic Merchant, and then follow his playlists. \*If you do not sign in with a Facebook account, then type "spotify:user:12144083752" and hit search.

#### WELCOME GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us in worship in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship!
- Please feel free to follow today's scripture readings on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp\_guest. Password: fpcguest (case sensitive)
- First Presbyterian is also the home of Happyland Day School, a quality preschool for over sixty years. For more info, call 954-463-6051.
- For families with young children: the nursery is located in the Neumann Center (Room NC 120).
- Children's Sunday School schedule:  
**9:30 am:** PreK3 Sunday school in Room #NC127, PreK 4-5th grade meet upstairs on the second floor – Room #NC224  
**11 am:** Children's Chapel is held in Watts Chapel. Children ages 4 and up will join together in exploring their faith with a Sunday School lesson and fun Bible story activities.

#### THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

The family and friends of Christy Reid on the death of her sister, Esther Kupjack, on Sunday, April 8, 2018, and

Beverly and John Stockamore and family on the death of Bev's uncle, Cliff Henneman, on April 8, 2018 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

*If you or someone you love is in the hospital, please let us know.*

*HIPAA laws do not allow the hospitals to call and inform us, so we rely on you. Thank you in advance.*

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:** Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley, *Senior Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*

**PLEASE VISIT** <http://firstpres.cc/about-us/staff/> for the full staff listing.

#### ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

We are a praying church and have a team of prayer warriors who will pray and lift up your prayer requests and praises each week. Please write them on your connect card or email them to DarleenC@firstpres.cc to be placed on our prayer letter. Would you like to be a prayer warrior? Please email Darleen to receive our weekly prayer letter.

#### JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

We offer breakfast in the St. Andrew's Room every Sunday morning from 9:15 am – 11 am. So whatever service you attend – you can still join us for a delicious, homemade breakfast before or after church. Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 22 at the conclusion of the single service of worship at 11am for the purpose of hearing and voting upon a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Designated Term (APNC, DT). All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, April 29 at 2pm at Lago Mar Country Club in Plantation  
We certainly hope you plan on attending whether you are a player or just coming to enjoy a nice dinner and fellowship. The dinner will also include a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the young adults' mission trip to Puerto Rico for disaster relief and Rebuilding Together Broward. Please consider a donation to our silent auction and raffle. For more information contact Bill Condon at 732-670-7435 or FPCGolfEvent@gmail.com.

#### Wednesday Night Live!

April 18, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Chicken Marsala. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.

#### Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, April 19, in the Study and Renewal Center Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. Our study of Bruce Wilkinson's "Secrets of the Vine" continues with Mona Petersen facilitating Session 4: *More Fruit to Much Fruit*, A. For more information contact MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345.

#### First Pres Women's Annual Spring Luncheon

Friday, May 4, 11am at Lauderdale Yacht Club, Cost: \$36 per person Entertainment by Don Stansfield featuring "Music through the Ages" (50's, 60's, 70's, Motown, Rat Pack, and Pop) SERRV shopping day, Raffle Baskets, Bake Sale Raffle Drawing and more! Luncheon flyers are placed around the church campus. Pick one up and join us for this fabulous day of fellowship! **RSVP by 4/23** to Laura Ziegler 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

#### AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

**Program: Mary Beth Ions, Violinist**

Thursday, April 19, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.  
Mary Beth was referred to us by Mary Kay Wagner and is coming to perform her one woman concert all the way from Cleveland, OH. Whether on stage with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra or in the orchestra pit for touring Broadway shows at Cleveland's Playhouse Square, violinist Mary Beth Ions brings her passion for music to these and many other venues in the NE Ohio area and now to you in South Florida. Join us for this special day and enjoy a delicious meal of Chicken Marsala. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

#### Membership:

**New Member Orientation:** Become a member of our First Pres family on Sunday, April 22, from 10:30 – 11am in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

#### Annual Boy Scout Troop 190 Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 28, 5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall  
Featuring food from their Sponsor Olive Garden Italian Restaurant; Adults \$10, Children \$5; Silent Auction; Chinese Raffles. Scouts will be selling tickets on Sundays April 15 and 22 before and after worship services. Credit cards will be accepted. Questions? Contact Debbie Lorenz at 954-647-9586.

#### SERRV SALE – NEW DATE!

Looking for a special gift for Mother's Day? Please join us in the Spanish Room **Sunday, April 29** from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Browse our wide assortment of Fair Trade jewelry and accessories for every style and occasion. From handmade baskets to coffee and chocolate, we have well-designed quality crafts and delicious specialty foods from our partners around the world. Join us in giving a hand up to these artisans and farmers. Please note that SERRV will return on Sundays at FPC in the fall of 2018. Thank you for your support.

#### Happyland Registration

Registration for Happyland has begun for First Presbyterian Church members. Call for a tour and find out why Happyland is right for your family: 954-463-6051