

### Wednesday Night Live! Dinner at 5 pm – 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Chef Kevin is serving Baked Lasagna. RSVP required by Monday at noon to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 or MonaP@firstpres.cc.

**Sign up to serve dinner and your dinner is on us!** Choose from either the 4:45 pm-5:30 pm shift or the 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm shift. Contact Mona Petersen to sign up and enjoy a complimentary meal!

### “First Step” is next Sunday, February 28 at 10:15 am

Looking to find out more about First Pres and what’s next for you? Join us for a short overview of the church and a great opportunity to meet our staff and some new friends. We meet the fourth Sunday of each month in the Spanish Room. Register by emailing EllenW@firstpres.cc or call 954-598-9360 with your questions.

### Ballroom Dancing is back in the swing!

Monday evenings March 14 through May 2 in Fellowship Hall. 6:30 pm Intermediate / 7:30 pm Beginners (No experience necessary!) Bob and Mikki Crosby will guide you through traditional Ballroom Dances. Contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

### Work Boots for the Homeless Lenten Project

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale is partnering with HOPE South Florida in a CHURCHWIDE PROJECT to provide work boots for the homeless so they can get work. Your donation of \$35 will cover the cost of a pair of work boots and several pairs of socks. Visit the Boot table outside after the worship service. For more information contact: Gail Auguston-Koppen at 503-804-4844 / g.auguston@att.net or Bev Johnson at 410-570-0420 / loganbjr@yahoo.com.

### FPC Habitat Collegiate Challenge Picnic in the Park

Thursday, March 10, 5pm – 7pm, in Colee Hammock Park. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, grill, clean up and provide side dishes, casseroles, salads and desserts, for college students for Clark University and the University of Pittsburgh. Please sign up in front of the Neumann Center or for more information contact Kathy Craven at wrdrv@aol.com or 954-593-0423.

### Attention College Students and High School Seniors:

The 2016-2017 Scholarship applications are now available on the Youth Ministry page of the church website. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email Barbara Hollowell, Scholarship Chair, at bhollowell@aol.com. The deadline for completed applications is 5 pm on March 31.

### Happyland 2016 Registration

Registration for the 2016 School Year has opened. Spaces are available for ages PK2-Kindergarten. Call 954-463-6051 to schedule a tour to find out what makes Happyland the right choice for your child or e-mail Corey Thiel, Principal at CoreyT@firstpres.cc.

**Happyland 2016 Summer Camp Registration has begun!** Each week has a different fun theme and exciting activity that highlights the week. A few of the activities planned are a visit from the petting zoo, magician, puppet show, and an indoor planetarium. Register soon to ensure a spot for your child!

### Beth Moore Living Proof Live! Get Your Ticket TODAY!!!

\$84 includes ticket plus transportation to the event in Miami both Friday April 1 and Saturday April 2. Contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 or MonaP@firstpres.cc. **SEATS FILLING FAST!!!**

### AAC March trip – Tuesday, March 15, 9:15 am – 4:30 pm

**A Day in South Beach - Miami.** Join us as we spend in the day in South Beach on the Duck Tour, a one-of-a-kind land and sea adventure, and lunch at News Café on Ocean Drive. Cost is \$68 per person and includes tips. For more information and to RSVP, contact our Adult Activity Center Director, Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

### Tickets for Kirk Singer Musical “Once Upon a Mattress” on Sale Today

Show dates are March 5-8. You can also call the ticket hotline at 954-598-9324 or email tickets@firstpres.cc.

### Kirk Singer Tour 2016

The Kirk Singer 2016 Concert tour will be to England and Scotland June 11-20. The Kirk Singers are very excited about seeing this beautiful country, touring historical sights, and singing in cathedrals. They appreciate your support all year at each of our fundraisers. Listed below are some of the activities and events on the tour. You can help sponsor any of these tour events. Events and items for sponsorship include:

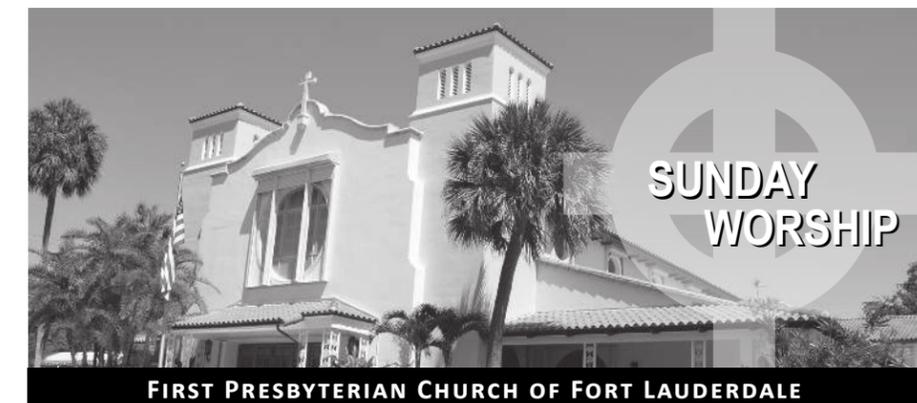
- The London Eye (Ferris wheel)
  - Cadbury Tour
  - Farewell Dinner
  - Tour t-shirts
  - Thames River Tour
  - The Beatles Story
  - Shakespeare Birthplace Tour
  - Bus to/from airport (MIA)
- Any donation is appreciated. For more information, email Michael Sayers at MichaelS@firstpres.cc. Thank you for your support of our youth!

### Pilgrimage (formerly Cursillo)

April 21 - 24, 2016, at The Retreat at Silver Springs, (formerly the Christian Church Conference Center) in Silver Springs, FL. Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a spiritual oasis where one can experience the joy of one’s salvation. It consists of three days of singing, worship, laughter, prayer, fellowship and basking in the warmth and joy of God’s presence. More information is available at the Pilgrimage website (www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org) or contact Rev. Dr. Richard Anderson at 954-598-9330 / RichardA@firstpres.cc.

### Lake Placid Family Retreat • April 22-24, 2016

Don’t miss out on this wonderful weekend of worship, fellowship and renewal on beautiful Lake Placid! Everyone is welcome and you do not need to have small children to join us. Accommodations are limited, so reservations are needed. Please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 for more information or simply fill out the Connect Card.



11 AM

February 21, 2016  
Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to worship! As a courtesy to others around you, please silence your cell phone. Nursery service is available in the Neumann Center for children aged 3 and younger. Ask an usher for assistance, if needed.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

**PRELUDE** “Moderement Anime” SUSAN DODD, *piano*  
– Claude Debussy

**CHORAL INTROIT** “Be Glad!” KIRK SINGERS  
– Tom Franzak ELLIOT MAHON, *soloist*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** MONA PETERSEN  
Leader: Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord  
who worship in the house of the Lord.

**People: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.**  
Leader: May the Lord bless us from Zion,  
**People: Let us give glory to Him**  
**who is the Maker of heaven and earth. (From Psalm 134)**

**\*HYMN 467** “How Great Thou Art” SWEDISH FOLK MELODY

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**  
**O Lord, we have not longed for Your coming and Your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed You. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of Your Spirit, we might live in light of Your coming again. We ask these things in the name of Him who is coming, Jesus Your Son, Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE  
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

**ANTHEM** "River in Judea" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– John Leavitt

**\*RESPONSIVE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day He rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven;**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

**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 debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**OFFERTORY** "Come, Spirit, Come" KIRK SINGERS  
– Mary Kay Beall

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 13: 1-9 N.T. PAGE 76

*Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device.*

*To access WiFi go to fp\_guest. Password: fpcguest (case sensitive)*

**MESSAGE** REV. DR. RUSSELL H. RITCHEL, JR.  
"Focusing on the Right Things"

**ANTHEM** "Peace I Give to You" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Craig Courtney

**\*HYMN 276** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WILLIAM RUNYAN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata in d Minor" ORGAN  
– Johann Froberger

**WELCOME GUESTS!**

- Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment outside the Neumann Center (across the street) after worship.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.
- For families with young children: in addition to the nursery in the Neumann Center (Room NC 126), we have a "crying room" located in the Spanish Room with a live stream of the service. (Also through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.)
- Our Sunday School Schedule is as follows:  
9:30 am – Children's Sunday School (Neumann Center)  
*PreK4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade* (Room NC 224)  
*PreK3* (Room NC 132)  
*Middle School, Grades 6-8* (Meet in the Fellowship Hall and then walk to Hoch Youth Center after the first worship songs are completed. Ayla Kohler, our Youth Ministry Assistant, will escort our Youth.)  
11 am – Children's Chapel (Watts Chapel)

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

Virginia (Gini) Peck Daly and family on the death of her brother, Paul Thomas Peck on February 13, 2016, and

Forrest King and family on the death of his mother, Eugenia Mary King on January 29, 2016, and

Angelo Rapanaro, JoEllen Glade, and families on the death of wife and aunt, Elizabeth (Betty) Rapanaro on February 5, 2016. A celebration of Betty's life was held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Gloucester City, NJ on February 13, 2016.

Beth, Mason, and Matthew Jackson on the death of mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Dorothy (Dottie) Nelson Straight, on February 2, 2016. A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held on **Saturday, February 27 at 10 am in our Sanctuary.**

**THE ROSE ON THE LORD'S TABLE** is given in honor of the birth of Bryna Marie Deptula, born on February 8, 2016, daughter of Kristen and Bryan Deptula, sister of Gordon Deptula, granddaughter of Kelly McCurdy and Chris Marson, Pam Deptula and Jeff Leary, and great-granddaughter of Marydell Marson.

**THE FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE** are given in loving memory of Ralph Dearden by Pam, Heather, Holly, and Aiden.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please contact Emily Furdock at 954-462-6200 or [EmilyF@firstpres.cc](mailto:EmilyF@firstpres.cc). Available dates: March 6, March 20, April 20.

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

The prayer ministry team would like to pray with you. At the end of the service, come to the front of the church, and you will find a team member ready to pray with you. Prayer requests may be noted on the Connect Card inserted in your bulletin, then place it in the offering plate, and your prayer request will be added to our weekly prayer letter.

**WEEKLY PRAYER LETTER**

We find it a joy to pray for your prayer needs. We have a team of Prayer Warriors that receive your prayer request each week by way of a prayer letter to pray over them each week. Would you like to receive this prayer letter and be one of our Prayer Warriors? Please let Emily Furdock know at 954-462-6200 or [EmilyF@firstpres.cc](mailto:EmilyF@firstpres.cc).

**ALL ARE INVITED TO A PRAYER GROUP** to pray for our church, pastors, staff and ministries. The prayer group meets in the Binger Room at 10:30 am each Sunday.

# A N N O U N C E M E N T S

**Day of Hugs TODAY**

Come see how our congregation can lift up our members, friends and our community with Hugs. The Deacons of our church "Hug" our CareConnects every month and we want to make sure that you know some special ways that YOU can "Hug" others as well. Visit our "Hugs" table before or after worship today and pick up some "Hug" items such as cards, homemade soup, pillows (made by our craft ministry), prayer shawls, Daily Bread devotions and Hershey Hug Kisses.

**The Adult Activity Center for Senior Adults (AAC)**

11:15 am each Thursday – 12:15 pm Lunch [RSVP please!]

Thursday, February 25: **Gold Coast Banjo Band**

Back by popular demand, the Banjo Band is excited to come perform for us their "Happy Sound". Chef Kevin is serving Baked Lasagna. Please RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or [TriciaY@firstpres.cc](mailto:TriciaY@firstpres.cc).

**Christian Women Connect! Women's Bible Study this Thursday, Feb. 25**

Join us for an in-depth study of the cross with Max Lucado,

*He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart.*

This week: *I Invite You Into My Presence - God's Promise Through the Torn Flesh* facilitated by Lorie Moran. Fellowship at 9:45 am, Study 10 -11 am, Reflection & Discussion 11-11:30 am, held in the Study and Renewal Center. Participant Workbooks available for \$15. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc).

**Thursday, March 3 following class: First Thursday Lunch in the Family Village Courtyard.** Our own Chef Kevin will be preparing boxed lunches for us filled with a chicken salad sandwich, chips and a yummy sweet. Water, tea and coffee will also be provided. The cost is \$6, please reserve your lunch with Laura at class or email by Feb. 29.

**I Give Because...**

*"God has given us everything we have,  
and so much more than we need." - J. S.*

*"I care!" - K.C.*

**Why are you involved in Christian Life at First Pres?**

