

# NOTES

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:MichaelS@firstpres.cc). Thank you for your support of our youth!

## Pilgrimage (formerly Cursillo)

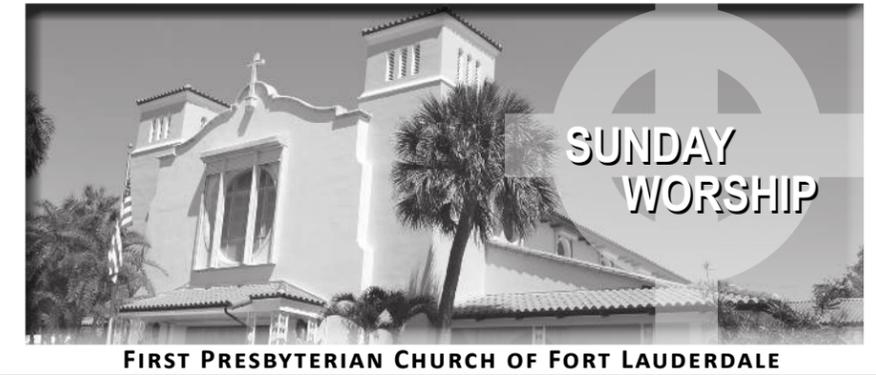
April 21 - 24, 2016, at The Retreat at Silver Springs, (formerly the Christian Church Conference Center) in Silver Springs, FL. Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a spiritual oasis where one can experience the joy of one’s salvation. It consists of three days of singing, worship, laughter, prayer, fellowship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

## The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- Leading people to Jesus Christ.
- Learning about our faith.
- Living a Christ-centered life.
- Loving our neighbor through ministries of service and compassion.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**9:30 AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**February 21, 2016  
Second Sunday of Lent**

*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.*

Welcome

\* Worship

## Announcements and Offertory

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

## Scripture

Luke 13: 1-9

*Please feel free to follow today’s scripture reading on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to [fp\\_guest](http://fp_guest). The password is [fp\\_guest](http://fp_guest). Logins are case sensitive.*

## Message

“Focusing on the Right Things”

Rev. Dr. Russell H. Ritchel, Jr.

\* 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. Russell H. Ritchel, Jr.

**Worship Team:** Albert Leonardis, Nic Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Geoffrey Sturman, Ronnie Young

**Projection Imagery:** Amy Merchant

**Audio and Video Production:** Evan Barber and Zebedee Productions

*This week's music*

"In Tenderness" — Citizens and Saints

"Brokenness Aside" — All Sons and Daughters

"Good Good Father" — House Fires

"Ever Be" — Bethel

"You Are My Vision" — 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!
- First Presbyterian is also the home of Happyland Day School, a quality preschool for over sixty years. For more info, call 954-463-6051.
- 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.**

#### 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 Bininger Room at 10:30 am each Sunday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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?**



#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:g.auguston@att.net) or Bev Johnson at 410-570-0420 / [loganbjr@yahoo.com](mailto: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 [wrcrv@aol.com](mailto:wrcrv@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 [bfhollowell@aol.com](mailto:bfhollowell@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](mailto: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!