



"I Give Because..."

Begin to think of why you are involved at First Pres.

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.

"Little Miss Sweetheart" Father/Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 11, 6 to 8pm in Fellowship Hall, \$15 per person Ages 4 – 13, attire is semi-formal. Reservations are necessary by **TODAY**. Please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or email CindyV@firstpres.cc.

The Adult Activity Center for Senior Adults (AAC)

11:15 am each Thursday – 12:15 pm Lunch [RSVP please!]
Thursday, February 11: **Valentine's Day Party: Ballroom Dancing with Bob and Mikki Crosby.** What better way to spend Valentine's Day but with our AAC friends dancing, smiling, watching and listening to music. Bob and Mikki, dancing instructors, will have us doing the Electric Slide, the Hokey Pokey, the Waltz and many more. Chef Kevin is serving Chicken Francaise with white wine sauce. Please RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect! Women's Bible Study this Thursday, Feb. 11

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 Will Not Abandon You - God's Promise in the Path* facilitated by Gail Auguston-Koppen. 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.

FPC Concert Series:

The Gold Coast Jazz Society presents "Love Songs and Jazz Ballads"

Sunday, February 14 at 4 pm, held in our Sanctuary. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. The ensemble consists of two vocalists, piano, guitar, sax, drums, and bass. It will be a great Valentine's Day concert, so plan to come and invite your friends!

Happyland 2016-2017 Registration

Registration for the 2016-2017 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.

Advertise in the Kirk Singer Playbill

If you have a business or service and would like to advertise in the Playbill of the upcoming Kirk Singer production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, please contact Karyn Greep at 5greeps@bellsouth.net for more information and pricing. Tickets for the show go on sale **TODAY** after worship. The dates of the show are March 3-6.

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!!!**

4th Annual Habitat for Humanity Bike to Build

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale February 13, 2016 at 7:30 am. For more information, contact Kelley Jackson at 954-868-9275 or kelly_jackson@comcast.net.

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.

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 Richard Anderson at 954-598-9330 / RichardA@firstpres.cc.

Wednesday evening Adult Christian Education:

Divorce Care / 6:30 pm / Spanish Room / Facilitated by Tricia and Ronnie Young
Listening for God / 6:30 pm / Study & Renewal Center Conference Room / Facilitated by Kathy Craven
The Women & Men of the Old Testament / 6:30 pm / Neumann Center Library Room NC-202 / Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant

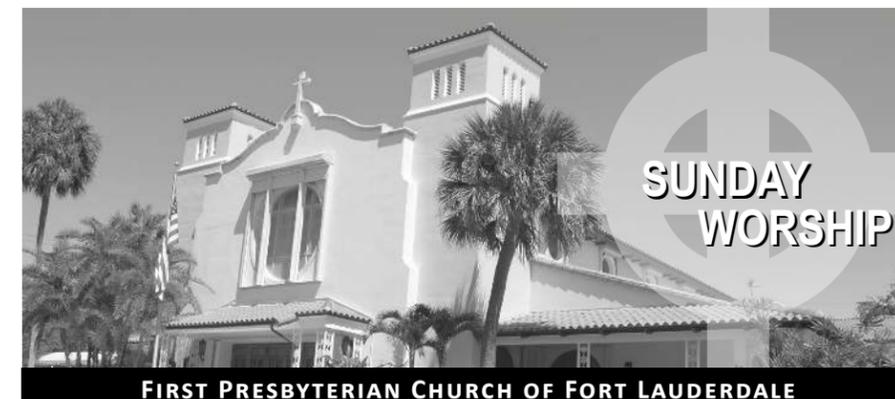
Sunday morning Adult Christian Education:

Discipleship Essentials / 9:30 am / Chapel-in-the-Sky, Room NC-301 / Facilitated by Herb Clark and Paige Brody
The Women & Men of the Old Testament / 11 am / Neumann Center Library, Room NC-202 / Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant



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11 AM

February 7, 2016

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

RICHARD HANCOCK, *clarinet*
SUSAN DODD, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

REV. DR. RUSSELL H. RITCHEL, JR.

Leader: God reigns; let the peoples tremble!
God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake!
**People: We will extol You, O God,
and worship at Your holy mountain; for You are holy!**
Leader: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 99)

***HYMN 263**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Mysteries of mysteries, hide not Your face from us. Hear our confession and forgive our sin. We go to the mountains to escape involvement. We hear Your commandments, then hide from their truth. We disguise our faces to conceal our identities. Christ unmask our pretense and strips us of pride. Help us not to be afraid to encounter Your presence, and through Christ to stand before You cleansed of our sin. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Lord of the Dance"
– arr. Allen Pote

KIRK SINGERS

***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

MONA PETERSEN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

OFFERTORY “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 9:28-36 N.T. PAGE 69

Please feel free to follow today’s scripture reading on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. The password is fpcguest. Logins are case sensitive.

MESSAGE “Seeking Transfiguration” REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Please partake of the elements as they are served to you.

***PRAYER**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “The Lord’s Prayer” A.H. MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “La Rejouissance” (from *Fireworks Music*) SUSAN DODD,
– G. F. Handel organ

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)
PreK4-5th 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)

WE WELCOME Richard Hancock as our guest instrumentalist for this morning’s service. Richard has played for us many times as both a soloist and as a member of the orchestras.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Karen and Dick Owen and Karen and Chris Owen and families on the death of Dick and Chris’ mother, D. June Krout Owen, on January 22, 2016. A celebration of June’s life will be held **tomorrow**, Monday, February 8 at 10 am in the Sanctuary, and

Joy Winslow and family on the death of her mother, Priscilla Henry, on January 26, 2016. A celebration of Priscilla’s life was held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Fred Hunter Funeral Home, and

Julia and Danny Ramdhanas and family on the death of Julia’s sister, Ruth (Rucky) Rivera, on November 3, 2015, and

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 11 am in Watts Chapel.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

- Bob Lee – Cleveland Clinic
- Paul Peck – Kindred Hospital

THE FLOWERS FOR THE LORD’S TABLE are given in celebration of Frank Bohlander’s 90th birthday, given by his children and grandchildren.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please contact Emily Furdock at 954-462-6200 or EmilyF@firstpres.cc. Available dates: February 28, March 6, March 20.

THE PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY enables you to let people know that you have just prayed for them. Please call Tricia Young at 954-598-9344, if you, or someone you know, could use this means of caring support.

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.

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

SERRV International Valentine’s Day Sale TODAY

Remember your special someone with a unique gift from SERRV International! Come by the Spanish Room **TODAY** and purchase a gift for your loved one or buy something special for your home. The SERRV Sale has unique foods, cookware, and other handmade items crafted by artisans worldwide who need your support. Your purchase gives them the means to be a blessing to their families.

Tea and Table Talk

Tuesday, February 9 at 2 pm, Study and Renewal Center
Women of all ages are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of companionship, A FUN TEA PARTY, and discussions of many varied subjects, holidays, and memories. For more information: Contact Petey Buchholz at 954-566-1744.

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 10 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
Join us for worship concluding with the imposition of ashes as we enter into the Lenten season. Rev. Dr. Russell H. Ritchel will preach.

Wednesday Night Live! Ash Wednesday, February 10

We will be celebrating the Shrove Tuesday tradition this week at our WNL! Dinner. Choose from either pancakes and sausage OR soup and sandwich. Meal cost is \$5 for age 7-Adult, children under 6 eat free! **Please RSVP with your menu choice by tomorrow**, Monday at noon to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 or MonaP@firstpres.cc.

SouperBowl of Caring This Week

Our students handed out bags last Sunday. Thank you for filling them generously and returning them this week. If you were unable to bring it with you this morning we would love for you to drop it off at the church office this week, 9am-5pm. We will be sorting it all next Sunday and distributing it to the local food bank. Help us to hit our goal of 3000 lbs this year. Thanks for your help!!