

NOTES

Join us for our first annual Mother & Son Dance

Friday, May 13, 6-8pm, Ages 4 & up.
Dinner • Entertainment • Memories • Reservations are necessary by May 6. Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

Happyland 2016 Registration and Summer Camp Registration

Spaces are available for ages PK2-Kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year and Summer Camp. Each week of camp 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. 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.

Kirk Singer Tour 2016 to England and Scotland, June 11-20

The Kirk Singers are very excited about seeing these beautiful countries, touring historical sights, and singing in cathedrals. They appreciate your support all year at each of our fundraisers. You can help sponsor any of the tour events, any donation is appreciated. Contact Michael Sayers at MichaelS@firstpres.cc. Thank you for your support!

High School Mission Trip, July 17-22 at Golden Isles, Georgia

All high school students, including incoming freshman and graduating seniors, are welcome to sign up for the mission trip! Our leaders and youth will be teaming up with TEAMeffort Youth Mission Camps. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due April 17. For more information, please visit the Youth and College Ministry page on the First Pres website or email Nic Merchant and Ayla Kohler at TheHarbor@firstpres.cc.

Great Escape Middle School Retreat, August 2-6, in Ocklawaha, Florida

Great Escape is a retreat for all incoming 6th graders through 8th graders transitioning to 9th grade. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due April 17. For more information, please visit the Youth and College Ministry page on the First Pres website or email Nic Merchant and Ayla Kohler at TheHarbor@firstpres.cc.

Listening for God Volume 2

Where do you listen for God? In this collection, the challenge is to pay attention everywhere. *Listening for God* will help you investigate how life and faith merge in surprising ways and places. Contemporary American literature may not be the most predictable place to listen for God, but it may well turn out to be among the most rewarding.
Wednesdays at 6:30pm Study & Renewal Center Conference Room / Facilitated by Kathy Craven / Book fee: \$10

Wednesday evening Adult Christian Education:

Divorce Care / 6:30 pm / Spanish Room / Facilitated by Tricia and Ronnie Young
Listening for God Volume 2 / 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

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.



9:30 AM **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP** **April 3, 2016**
Second Sunday of Easter

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 24: 13-35

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

"Where's Jesus?"

Rev. Dr. Russell H. Ritchel, Jr.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

* Worship

* Benediction

*please stand if you are able

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

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Russell H. Ritchel, Jr.

Worship Team: Emily Grossutti, Al Leonardis, Nic Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Geoffrey Sturman

Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant

Audio and Video Production: Evan Barber and Zebedee Productions

This week's music

“How Great Thou Art” — Citizens and Saints

“Oceans” — Hillsong

“My Lighthouse” — Rend Collective

“Your Promises” — Elevation Worship

“In Tenderness” — Citizens and Saints

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)
PreK4-5th 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)

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Sharon (Cookie) Fay, Marlene and Kirk K. Rupp, Sr. and family on the death of nephew and son, Kirk K. Rupp, Jr. on March 21, 2016 in Raleigh, NC. A celebration of Kirk’s life was held on March 29, 2016 in Sharpsville, PA.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Elizabeth Marshall, Frances Stahl – Holy Cross Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for TODAY, Sunday, April 3, 2016 beginning immediately at the conclusion of the 11am worship service in the Sanctuary for the purpose of approving the recommended revised Bylaws, and if those Bylaws are approved, to receive and act on the Nominating Committee’s nominations for Elders to fill out the Session to 21 members as proscribed in the right-sizing plan.

Would you like to join us for breakfast this morning?

Thanks to the efforts of Joe Vason and Larry Davis, we have been offering a hot breakfast to Lauderhill Point families for approximately one year now. We would love to include **all** members in this offering. We will begin offering breakfast in the St. Andrew’s Room every Sunday morning, beginning **TODAY** at 9:30am – 11am. So whatever service you attend – you can still join us for a delicious breakfast before or after church! Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed – first come, first served! Hope to see you there!

Friends of Women of Faith

Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm in the Study and Renewal Center
Women of all ages are invited to gather and hear inspiring messages from Women of Faith leaders as they teach us to walk in faith with God. For more information: Contact Martha Kramer at 954-584-2337 or MKramer113@bellsouth.net.

WNL! (Wednesday Night Live)

Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Chef Kevin is serving Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles. Let us treat you to a meal! Volunteer to help serve dinner and your meal is on the house! Choose from either 4:45pm-5:30pm or 5:30pm-6:15pm. RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Ballroom Dancing with Bob and Mikki Crosby resumes tomorrow

Monday, April 4: Beginners at 6:30pm, Intermediate at 7:30pm
Held in Fellowship Hall.

Caregiver Support Group!

Do you help or assist a loved one who needs care? Caregivers often experience feelings of fear, concern, and stress. Fortunately, there is hope and help. First Pres Church is hosting a Caregiver Support Group every first Wednesday of each month in the Study and Renewal Center from 11am to 12:30pm. We will have our next meeting on Wednesday, April 6. For more questions, please contact Tricia Young at 954-598-9344.

Christian Women Connect! Women’s Bible Study

Thursday, April 7 in the Study and Renewal Center
Fellowship at 9:45 am, Study and Discussion 10–11:30am
Beth Moore 7-Session Study: *Stepping Up – A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent*. This week: Gail Auguston-Koppen will introduce us to the study and book. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc. ***Join us for our First Thursday Lunch on April 7 following class at Rocco’s Tacos.**

The Adult Activity Center for Senior Adults (AAC)

11:15 am each Thursday – 12:15 pm Lunch [RSVP please!]
Thursday, April 7: **The Villagers, All Men’s Choir of John Knox Village**
The Villagers are under a new Director, Chris Toth. They are ready to perform for us their new songs of the season. Chef Kevin is serving Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles. Cost is \$9 for lunch. Please RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Beach Cleanup – Student Service Hour Opportunity!

Saturday, April 9 from 7am to 11am at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park (1100 Seabreeze Blvd – parking is available) If you have questions, please contact Nic Merchant and Ayla Kohler at TheHarbor@firstpres.cc.

Voice Recital performed by Dennis Ryan, Bass

Next Sunday afternoon, April 10 at 4pm in our Sanctuary. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received. Plan to come and invite your friends to hear a great afternoon of singing by Dennis!

Work Boots for the Homeless Lenten Project

We will be running a church bus on Sunday April 10 and April 17 at 5pm to go over and attend the Fifth Avenue Church service. Afterward we will get to see the boot program and shared meal in action. 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.

Marriage Retreat with Jackie Kendall

Saturday, April 9, 5pm to 9pm in Fellowship Hall
Fall in love all over again! Cost is \$30 pp or \$50 per couple and includes dinner and childcare. **Reservations deadline TODAY.** Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

AAC (Adult Activity Center) April Trip

Wednesday, April 27, 11am to 4:45pm: Wick Theatre, *I Love a Piano*
(Please note: We only have car rider tickets available at this time)
Join us as we dine in Wick Theatre’s beautiful Tavern on the Green Tea Room and then enjoy Irvin Berlin’s *I Love a Piano*. *I Love a Piano* follows the journey of a piano as it moves in and out of American lives from the turn of the century to the present. The story comes to life with over 60 of Irving Berlin’s most beloved songs. Note: we will not be doing the costume tour this trip. Cost: \$89 per person (All tips are included in price) RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

First Pres Women’s Annual Spring Luncheon

Friday, May 13 at Lauderdale Yacht Club, 11:30 AM
Cost: \$35.00 per person / Checks payable to FPC / Valet Parking Available
Fashions by Hello Gorgeous!, Guest Speaker / Book signing: Mary Kay Wagner “Ignite the Dreamer within”, Raffle and more...
RSVP to Laura Ziegler by May 5th, 954.598.9312 LauraZ@firstpres.cc.
Join in our mission of giving back and bring a gift card to benefit Women in Distress [Any type would be greatly appreciated]