

Ballroom Dancing with Bob and Mikki Crosby begins next week!

Monday evenings March 14 through May 9 in Fellowship Hall.
6:30 pm Intermediate / 7:30 pm Beginners (No experience necessary!)
Contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Palm Sunday Concert on Sunday Evening March 20, at 7:30 pm

Featuring the Cathedral Choir and members of the Symphony of the Americas. The first half of the program is music for Lent and Holy Week, and the second half is a collection of Spirituals composed by John Rutter for choir and orchestra, featuring Ashley Lindsay, soloist. There is no admission charge, but a \$10 per person donation is suggested. Come, and invite your friends to hear a great evening of music!

All Church Easter Egg Hunt "Eggstravaganza"

Saturday, March 26, 12pm-2pm in Colee Hammock Park
If you would like to help in some way with this event, please use the Connect Card to sign up. Opportunities are available prior to the event, during the event, or by donating 2 dozen filled eggs by March 13 (no chocolate please). Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

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!

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. Tickets are necessary and childcare is available by reservation, contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

Pilgrimage (formerly Cursillo) - Please visit their table today!

April 21 - 24, 2016, at The Retreat at 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.

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 need assistance, please email Barbara Hollowell, Scholarship Chair, at bfhollowell@aol.com. The deadline for completed applications is 5 pm on March 31.

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.

High School and 8th Grade Peace River Trip!

The Youth Ministry Team will drive out with high school and 8th grade students to Lake Placid on Friday, April 22. We will return April 24 and the cost of the trip is \$130. The trip includes lots of canoeing, campfires, swimming and non stop fun! If you have friends or family that are not in high school or 8th grade you can still invite them to the family retreat. The family retreat may have a different itinerary planned but we will still have breakfasts, dinners, and campfires together. Please fill out the form found on the youth ministry page of our Church's website and return to Nic's office located in The Harbor **by TODAY, March 6!** If you have any questions please contact Nic Merchant or Ayla Kohler at TheHarbor@FirstPres.cc.

First Pres Women's Annual Spring Luncheon

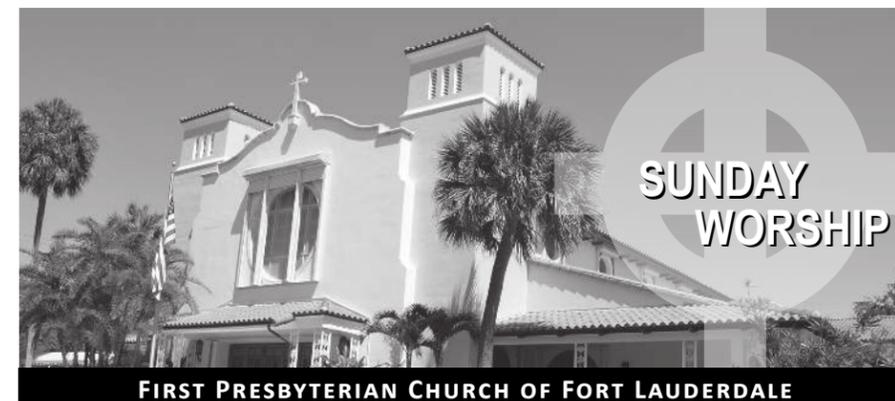
Friday, May 13, 11:30 am at Lauderdale Yacht Club
"A Celebration of Spring - Bloom Where You're Planted" featuring a fashion show by *Hello Gorgeous!*, Mary Kay Wagner is our special guest speaker and will do a book signing as well, raffle and more...
Cost is \$35 per person. Please RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312
LauraZ@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



11 AM

March 6, 2016

Fourth 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

SUSAN DODD, *piano*
MARCO NAVARRETE, *oboe*

CHORAL INTROIT

"Kyrie"
(from *Missa Brevis in B Flat*)
— Franz Joseph Haydn

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

**People: Everything old has passed away.
Everything has become new.**

Leader: This newness is from God,
who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

**People: Rejoice and be glad!
Everything has become new.**

(*Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*)

*HYMN 417 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" REGENT SQUARE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Faithful God, You call us to paths unknown, inviting us to trust Your Spirit's leading, even when we cannot see the destination. Countless generations have borne witness that You keep Your covenant promises; yet we shrink back from Your call, trusting more in our own limited wisdom, than in Your boundless faithfulness. Forgive our unbelief in Your promises. Give us a willing heart to follow Your call wherever it leads; grant that we be counted among the faithful, ever testifying of Your rich goodness to all who trust in You.

*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 "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" CHERUB CHOIR
– Traditional GRETCHEN FASULO, *director*

***RESPONSIVE PROFESSION OF FAITH** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK
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.**

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 "Grace" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Mark Hayes

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 12:22-34

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

To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fp_guest (case sensitive)

MESSAGE "Striving for God's Kingdom" NIC MERCHANT

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 "Toccata in e Minor" SUSAN DODD,
– Johann Pachelbel *organ*



WE WELCOME Marco Navarrete as our guest instrumentalist this morning. Marco is the principal oboist for the Symphony of the Americas and has played here many times in both worship services and concerts.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Mitzi Hirt and family on the death of her son, Stephen Michael Hirt, February, 2016. A private celebration of his life was held, and

Jennifer Dunworth and family on the death of her father, Richard (Rick) S. Dunworth in Altoona, Florida on January 29, 2016. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 12:00 noon at the First United Methodist Church, 101 S. E. 2nd Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Julia Williams, Claudia Willey, (Harry) Don Stone – Holy Cross Hospital

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please contact Emily Furdock at 954-462-6200 or EmilyF@firstpres.cc. Available dates: March 20, April 20, May 1

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Once Upon a Mattress final performance of Kirk Singer Musical Today

2pm in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available at the door. Come see our last show and bring a friend!

Middle School Students are invited to see the Kirk Singer Play!

There will be no scheduled Middle School Youth Group today due to the Kirk Singer's last performance of *Once Upon A Mattress*. Middle School students are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall instead, at 1:45 pm to watch the show! If you are planning to come, bring a friend and \$10.

Pebbles of Faith Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 8 at 6pm in Room 224 (second floor of the Neumann Center all the way at the end of the hallway). This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Contact Kim White at 954-440-2526 west_kim@bellsouth.net.

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" Saturday Evening, March 12!

Daylight Saving Time begins NEXT Sunday March 13.

Tea and Table Talk: Tuesday, March 8 at 2 pm, Study & Renewal Center

All women are invited for fellowship and spiritual conversation over a cup of tea. Bring a friend...what a perfect chance to get to know each other and the Lord! Contact Petey Buchholz at 954-566-1744.

I Give Because _____ (fill in the blank)

Let us hear from you!

"The church is so important in my life." - D.O.

"Without our gifts it would be hard to do God's work" - A.A.

Make your Faith Promise on March 13.

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

Chef Kevin is serving Roast Leg of Lamb. 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 to serve from either 4:45 pm-5:30 pm or 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm. Contact Mona Petersen to sign up and enjoy a complimentary meal!

The Adult Activity Center for Senior Adults (AAC)

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

Thursday, March 10: **Polynesian Day with Hula Dancers**

You don't want to miss this amazing show of Senior Adults Hula Dancing! They have come highly recommended and are excited to show off their talent! Chef Kevin is serving Roast Leg of Lamb.

Please RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect! Women's Bible Study on Thursday, March 10

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 Have Redeemed You and I Will Keep You ~ God's Promise in the Blood and Water* 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.

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 students from Clark University and the University of Pittsburgh. Please sign up in front of the Neumann Center. Contact Kathy Craven at wrcrv@aol.com or 954-593-0423.

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.

SERRV Easter Sale, Next Sunday, March 13

Celebrate Easter with a Fair Trade treasure! Bring some joy and brightness into your home or give a unique gift to a friend or family member. Come by the Spanish Room next Sunday and support SERRV International. 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.