

### 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 are needed for dinner and childcare by April 3**, contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

### Voice Recital performed by Dennis Ryan, Bass

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!

### 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!

### 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! Accommodations are limited, so **paid reservations must be received by March 31**. Please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 for more information or fill out the Connect Card.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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]

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> graders through 8<sup>th</sup> graders transitioning to 9<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Begins Wednesday, March 30 – 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

### 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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9:30 & 11 AM

Easter Sunday  
March 27, 2016

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 "Hornpipe" (from *Water Music*) BRASS, TIMPANI,  
— G. F. Handel and ORGAN

### CALL TO WORSHIP

TIMOTHY DOBBINS (9:30 am)

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK (11 am)

Pastor: The tomb is empty! Many have seen the risen Christ.  
He is alive!

**People: Joyful is the sound we make today, O Lord!  
For this day liberates us from doubt and fear!**

Pastor: Thankful is the song we sing, for this day moves us past  
darkness and despair!

**People: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips, for this day  
awakens in us the possibilities of new life for all!**

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord, for He is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

\*HYMN 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE (in unison)

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of loving-kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

*Saint Gregory the Great's Easter Prayer*

PRAYER REV. DR. RICHARD ANDERSON (9:30 am)  
NIC MERCHANT (11 am)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

**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 "Psalm of Rejoicing" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
— Joseph M. Martin

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\*HYMN 118 "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE  
(Stanzas 1 & 3)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 24:1-12 N.T. PAGE 90  
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 REV. DR. RUSSELL H. RITCHEL, JR.  
"The Single Most Important Event in History"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)

**For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.**

*1 Corinthians 15: 3-8*

\*ANTHEM "Hallelujah" (from *Messiah*) CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
— G.F. Handel

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Toccata" (from *Fifth Symphony*) ORGAN  
— C.M. Widor

**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)

**WE WISH TO THANK** our instrumentalists for their participation in our worship services this morning: Peter Francis, Albert Leonardis, Anthony McFarlane, Aaron Norlund, and Jason Pyle.

**THANKS AND APPRECIATION** to Steven Meade of Natural Art Landscape & Design Inc. for donating the palm trees used in worship this past Palm Sunday.

**THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:** Steve and David Hyatt and families on the death of their father, James (Jim) Richard Hyatt, on March 21, 2016. A celebration of Jim's life was held on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 at 1pm in Watts Chapel.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

Carol Weihe – Imperial Point Medical Center  
Frances Stahl – Holy Cross Hospital

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** are given in loving memory of Harvey T. and Christy Reid, by Christy's sister, Esther Kupjack, and her family.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please contact Emily Furdock at 954-462-6200 or [EmilyF@firstpres.cc](mailto:EmilyF@firstpres.cc). Available dates: April 20, May 1, May 8

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

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting** for next 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.

**CHURCH OFFICES and HAPPYLAND will be closed tomorrow, Monday, March 28. Happy Easter!**

**Ballroom Dancing with Bob and Mikki Crosby will resume on April 4**

**WNL! Wednesday Night Live Dinners Resume this week March 30**

Join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall 5:00pm – 6:30pm  
Chef Kevin will prepare Chicken Pot Pie.  
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](mailto:MonaP@firstpres.cc).

**Christian Women Connect! Women's Bible Study on Thursday, March 31**

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: *What Will You Leave at the Cross?* facilitated by Mona Petersen. Fellowship at 9:45 am, Study 10 -11 am, Reflection & Discussion 11-11:30 am, held in the Study and Renewal Center. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc).

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

11:15 am each Thursday – 12:15 pm Lunch [RSVP please!]  
Thursday, March 31: **Ed Eli-one man band**  
Ed is a one man band who is a vocalist/lead guitar player. He will perform music from the late 50s, 60s, and a few songs from the 70s. He may even show off his guitar skills with a few instrumental-only songs. Chef Kevin is serving Chicken Pot Pie. Cost is \$9 for lunch.  
Please RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or [TriciaY@firstpres.cc](mailto:TriciaY@firstpres.cc).

**Would you like to join us for breakfast?**

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 next Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) April 3, 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!

**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](mailto:bfhollowell@aol.com). **The deadline for completed applications is 5 pm this Thursday, March 31.**

**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](mailto:TheHarbor@firstpres.cc).

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