

AAC (Adult Activity Center) April Trip

Wednesday, April 27, 11 am to 4:45 pm: 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]

Cheer Camp Registration has begun

June 20-24 & June 27-July 1, 9am – 3pm • Ages 6-12
Registration forms are now available on our website for this awesome summer program! Cost is \$200 per child/per week (\$175 per sibling).
Registration deadline is June 14. For more info, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 / CindyV@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.

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)
- Thames River Tour
- Cadbury Tour
- The Beatles Story
- Farewell Dinner
- Shakespeare Birthplace Tour
- Tour t-shirts
- Bus to/from airport (MIA)

Any donation is appreciated. For more information, email Michael Sayers at MichaelS@firstpres.cc. Thank you for your support of our youth!

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 TODAY.** 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 TODAY.** 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:

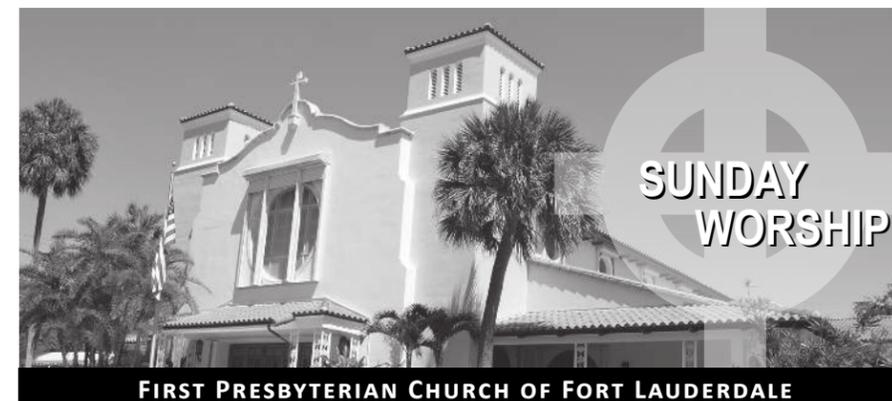
Divorce Care / 6:30 pm / Spanish Room / Facilitated by Tricia and Ronnie Young
Listening for God Volume 2 / 6:30 pm / Study & Renewal Center Conference Room / Facilitated by Kathy Craven
The Women & Men of the Old Testament / 6:30 pm / Neumann Center Library, Room NC-202 / Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant

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

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.



11 AM

April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 "O Worship the King" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Joyce Jones

***CALL TO WORSHIP** NIC MERCHANT

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Leader: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

All: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. (Psalm 23)

***HYMN 476** "O Worship The King, All Glorious Above" LYONS

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION (in unison)

Shepherd God, we give You praise. You lead us beside still waters, restoring our souls with Your comforting presence. You lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ Jesus, who died for our salvation. And yet, in spite of Your unending love and care for us, so many times we find ourselves living in fear when we know we should not. Lord, forgive us for our lack of trust in You. Heal our hearts and strengthen our resolve so that we will walk in the assurance that a future is coming when we shall dwell in Your house all the days of our lives. We Love You Lord, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

ANTHEM "The Lord is My Shepherd" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Thomas Matthews

PASTORAL PRAYER REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

OFFERTORY "Open My Eyes/Amazing Grace" KIRK SINGERS
– McGrath/MacAller QUINTON WOMACK, *soloist*

"Join the Gospel Song" NATHAN & WESLEY MAHON,
– David Haas *descant*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9: 20-42

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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: fpcguest (case sensitive)

MESSAGE REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK
"By the Power of the Holy Spirit"

ANTHEM "I Got a Robe" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– African-American Spiritual ASHLEY LINDSAY, *soloist*
(arr. John Rutter)

***HYMN 285** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" AUSTRIAN HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Toccata in Seven" SUSAN DODD, *organ*
– John Rutter



HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Joel Gustafson – Imperial Point Medical Center

THE FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE are presented by Betty Ann Smith in honor of the baptism of Jeff Glazer in the Contemporary Service this morning.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please contact Emily Furdock at 954-462-6200 or EmilyF@firstpres.cc. Available dates: April 24, May 1, May 8

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 120), 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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 be offering breakfast in the St. Andrew's Room every Sunday morning, from 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!

SERRV Mother's Day Sale TODAY

Here's your chance to let your mom know how special she is to you. Purchase a Fair Trade item from SERRV International and show your love while helping others. Come by the Spanish Room TODAY for our SERRV sale and you will find unique jewelry, 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.

Work Boots for the Homeless Lenten Project

We will be running a church bus TODAY at 5 pm 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.

Upgrade to our Nursery!

Our children's nursery has undergone an amazing transformation! We now have an even better place to welcome our youngest visitors. Our newly remodeled Calvin Room has a beautiful new look with two cribs, a changing table, a gated area for babies, a soft toy area and more. The children's reading area still provides a comfortable spot for looking at books and is in use daily by our Happyland students. Please come check out Room #120 in the Happyland hallway to see this major upgrade!

WNL! (Wednesday Night Live)

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

Christian Women Connect! Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 21 in the Study and Renewal Center
Fellowship at 9:45 am, Study and Discussion 10–11:30 am
Beth Moore 7-Session Study: *Stepping Up – A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent*. This week: Lorie Moran will facilitate *Our Eyes Look to the Lord*. Study Guides available for \$15. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

The Adult Activity Center for Senior Adults (AAC)

11:15 am each Thursday – 12:15 pm Lunch [RSVP please!]
Thursday, April 21: **Sing-a-Long with Maria Jordan**
Maria loves to share her musical talent with sing-alongs. She has conducted many and is excited to share her talent with us with songs of spring and of course all the songs we love. Song sheets will be provided but no singing is necessary. Chef Kevin is serving Shawarma (Turkey) with Tahini, Hummus and Pitas. Cost is \$9 for lunch. Please RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

The next "First Step" is next Sunday, April 24, at 10:15 am

Looking to find out more about First Pres and what's next for you? Join us for a short overview about the church and what it means to be a member. This is a great opportunity to meet our pastors and some new friends. We meet in the Spanish Room the fourth Sunday of each month. Register by emailing EllenW@firstpres.cc or call 954-598-9360. We hope to see you there!



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.