

Save The Date: Rally Day 2016 will be held Sunday, August 28

School is starting and so are we! Join us for a fun day filled with the celebration of upcoming activities for this school year.

Surf Shack Vacation Bible School

August 1 – 5 • 9 am – 12 pm • 4 year olds through 5th grade
Registration for morning program: \$55 church members / \$65 non-member. **New this year!!** Full day program 9 am – 3 pm (1st-5th grade): \$200 *hot lunch is included! Friday from 12-3pm we will be having a water slide! Space is limited so register now! For more information, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

Back to School Backpack Mission Project!!!

Once again, the Vacation Bible School kids will participate in our "Back to School" backpack mission project in August. With the help of the congregation, last year the children were able to put together a total of 300 filled backpacks. The backpacks were delivered to several public schools and some local organizations such as Hope South Florida and Pantry of Broward.

We hope you will take part in our VBS mission project by helping our kids reach their goal to fill 300 backpacks again this year!! There will be a table located at the entrance of the Neumann Center to pick up your empty backpack along with a copy of the supply list for you to take with you. Items can be purchased anywhere, however if you prefer to make a cash donation, we would be happy to make the purchases for you. It takes approximately \$40 to fill a backpack; however, any amount is appreciated! For more information, please contact Cindy Vason 954-598-9341.

Do you have a loved one currently in the hospital?

Please inform us if you or anyone you know is in the hospital or rehabilitation facility so that we can visit and care for them as a church family. Due to the new HIPAA laws, we no longer have access to this information and we rely on you to provide it to us. Please call our receptionist or send an email to congregationalcare@firstpres.cc. Thank you for helping us to care for you and our church family.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you Knit? We are excited to announce that Patti Mitchell will be chairing the Prayer Shawl Ministry and they will start meeting in the Library of the Neumann Center Building on Tuesdays at noon starting on August 30 to knit together and pray over the shawls. For the next several weeks Patti has come up with a list of why or where you can knit: 1) Feeling stressed? Knit. 2) Are you a passenger in a car? Knit, but don't knit and drive... 3) Waiting in a doctor's office? Knit... More to come in the next few weeks. If you know of anyone that needs to be comforted by God's love, please take them a prayer shawl. Please contact Tricia Young to receive one or to find out more information or to make a donation to the ministry.

The Best of Ireland: Waterford, Killarney, Galway, Dublin, & more!

11 days: June 26-July 6, 2017 • Hosted by Rev. Dr. Richard Anderson
\$3599 per person and includes: round-trip air from Fort Lauderdale, first class/select hotels, most meals, professional driver/guide & comprehensive sightseeing. For a brochure and more information contact Rev. Dr. Anderson at 954-598-9330 or RichardA@firstpres.cc.

For Pilgrimage "4th Day-ers"

This community includes everyone who has attended a Pilgrimage/Cursillo or another 3-day weekend - eg: *Walk to Emmaus*. Small groups meet regularly to share their walk with Christ. Women's: Thursday mornings at 9:20am. Men's and Women's: Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm for 30 minutes (or longer). Facilitators and even times/days can be flexible to your schedule! For more information, contact Georgiana Schuldt, 4th day Coordinator for South Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage, at 954-523-6742 / georgianaschuldt@mac.com.

Happyland 2016 Registration

Spaces are available for ages PK2-Kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year. 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.

Free Books

Help yourself to a selection of books on the cart in the Neumann Center Lobby on Sundays. Please take as many as you will read.

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.



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11 AM

July 24, 2016

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

NICHOLAS MERCHANT

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Leader: The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

People: **Righteousness will go before the Lord
and make a path for God's steps.**

Leader: Let us worship God! (Psalm 85)

*HYMN 361 "How Firm a Foundation" AMERICAN FOLK MELODY
(omit stanza 4)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE, ADORATION, AND CONFESSION (in unison)

You make us glad with the joy of Your presence, O God, and fill our days with Your steadfast love. Day by day You meet us with blessings, night after night Your steadfast love upholds us. Your glory is great; Your help is unailing. Yet in spite of Your care and affection for us we so often choose a path contrary to Your way. Dear God forgive us our trespasses now as we now offer You our silent personal confession...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And His righteousness:
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.
Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.

ANTHEM

CATHEDRAL CHOIR
PAM DEARDEN, conductor

***APOSTLES' CREED**

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

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 CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 11: 1-13 N.T. PAGE 72
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
"Approaching God"

***HYMN 276** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WILLIAM RUNYON

***BENEDICTION**

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 Summer Sunday School Schedule:
 - 9:30 am Worship Service:** Children 1st grade and up are invited to attend the Contemporary service with their parents. PreK3-Kindergarten can attend Sunday school in Room NC120.
 - 11 am Worship Service:** Children's Chapel is held in Watts Chapel. Children ages 4 and up will join together in exploring their faith with a Sunday School lesson and fun Bible story activities.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Alan Marcellus and family on the death of his wife, Barbara Whiting Marcellus, on July 14, 2016. A celebration of Barbara's life will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 1pm in our Sanctuary.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200. Available dates: August 14, August 21, August 28

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, Associate Pastor of Family Ministries & Mission, Timothy B. Dobbins, Pastoral Associate, Nicholas Merchant, Director of Youth Ministry

PLEASE VISIT <http://firstpres.cc/about-us/staff/> for a comprehensive staff listing.

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.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

We offer breakfast in the St. Andrew's Room every Sunday morning from 9:15 am – 11 am. So whatever service you attend – you can still join us for a delicious, homemade 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!

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

Family Beach Night – TONIGHT!

Kids of all ages from preschoolers to college youth, their families and anyone else are invited to enjoy a cookout, our beautiful summer evenings, and great Christian fellowship. Wear your swimsuits, bring a towel, and invite the whole family. **Join us tonight, July 24 from 6-8 pm** next to the old Yankee Clipper, right by the volleyball courts. We will serve all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas. If you would like to bring something here is our suggestion: If your last name begins with A-H: salad, I-P: side, Q-Z, dessert. The final Family Beach Night will be held August 7. For any questions please email TheHarbor@FirstPres.cc.

Men's Bible Study, led by John Standart

Tuesdays, 7:45 am – 8:45am in the Neumann Center Library. Hope to have you join us.

Wednesday Night Summer Dinners: 5 pm on July 27

Menu: Eggplant Parmesan
\$8 Teens/Adults, \$4 six – twelve yrs, kids under 6 eat free. Volunteer to serve dinner (Choose from 4:45 – 5:30 or 5:30 – 6:15) and your meal is on the house! RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Summer Movie Nights: "God's Not Dead"

July 27 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall (free, fresh-buttered popcorn!)

Get Plugged In To A Small Group!

Contact Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect! Women's Bible Study

Thursday, July 28 • **Reminder: No session this week!**
Join us on Thursday, August 4 at 10am in the Study and Renewal Center **Bible Study Brunch & Chat** – RSVP for Brunch by August 1. **Seeds of Kindness** – Sharing and Discussion Time. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@FirstPres.cc.

Wacky Wednesday on August 10: Rapids Water Park!!!

Kids come make a splash with us this summer...
1st grade and up • Cost is \$45 and includes admission, transportation, lunch & plenty of fun with friends!! Drop off at church: 8:45am, pick up at church: 5pm. **Due to limited seating and minimum of 10 reservations for trips, pre-paid reservations are necessary. Please call Cindy 954-598-9341 no later than 2 weeks prior to event. Children must know how to swim!

Help Us Close the Gap!

Your contributions are vital to sustain the ministries of our church.

BUDGET NEEDS (year to date): \$801,332

GIVING (year to date): \$613,899

CURRENT GAP: \$187,433