

### Wednesday Night Summer Dinners: 5 pm on August 24

Menu: Pulled Pork Plate

\$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.

**Church wide Event:** Game Night! Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6pm. Bring a game or a deck of cards! For more information, contact Mona Petersen.

### All Church Small Group Bible Study Kickoff: PHILEMON

Join Rev. Chris Benek and your church family for one-night kickoff to our small group Bible study program. 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall following dinner. Bring your Bible!

### Christian Women Connect! Women's Bible Study

Join us Thursday, August 25 at 10am in the Study & Renewal Center Bible Study Mission Day "First Pres Care Connect Project" Coffee & Sweets Served. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@FirstPres.cc.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry begins August 30

Tuesdays at noon in the Neumann Center Library, NC -202  
If you know of anyone that needs to be comforted by God's love, please take them a prayer shawl. Contact Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 to receive a shawl, to find out more information or to make a donation to the ministry.

### AAC - Summer Lunch Bunch!

Thursday, September 15 at 11:30 am, Bravo Ristorante (1515 SE 17<sup>th</sup> St)  
Summer Lunch Bunch is a way for everyone to stay in touch over the summer. Please arrive at the restaurant no later than 11:30am. All restaurants have agreed to do separate checks. Please RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 that you are coming or would like to ride on our church bus.

### GLOW Kids (for Children ages PreK 4 and Kindergarten)

Begins Wednesday, August 31 in St. Andrew's Room (Neumann Center)  
Do you want your child to be a GLOWing example of God's love? Learn about Biblically-based virtues through games, songs, stories, and fun! Make lasting friendships with Christian families. Serve the community through fun, hands-on mission projects, just for young kids. GLOW Kids meet every Wednesday during the school year. \$25 registration includes your child's GLOW Kids shirt. Register your child now! Contact Cindy Vason for more information: 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc.

### Mission Possible Kids (for Children in Grades 1 through 5)

New Agent Training: Wednesday, August 31 at 6pm  
Agent headquarters: St. Andrews Room  
This mid-week program is a wonderful opportunity to empower kids to help others in the community. Each month children will participate in a different mission project and will then earn a star badge once the mission is completed. All are welcome! For more info: Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341

### 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.

### Mission Study Update:

The Appreciative Inquiry Sessions have wrapped up. Over 200 people participated, from our Middle School Students to our members at John Knox Village! Terrific memories, hopes and dreams for our future were gathered as part of the Mission Study Report. This information will be used at a Summit in September to prepare guidance for our Pastor Nominating Committee. Thanks to all for your participation and prayers.

### Our Family Support Teams Are Growing

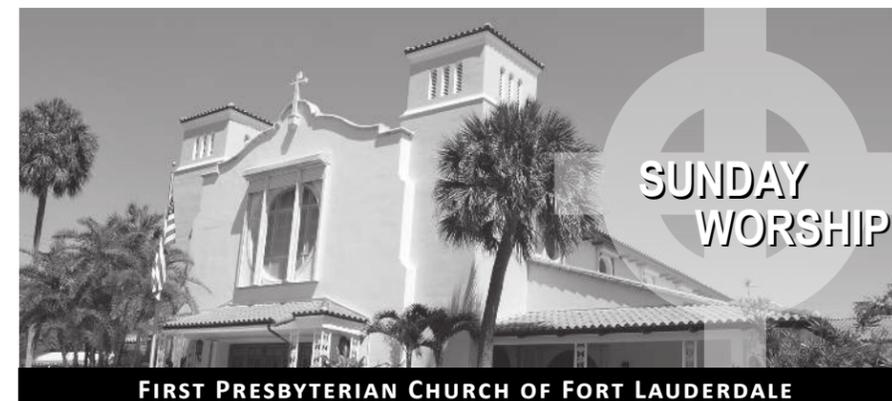
Would you like to join or form a Family Support Team? Hope South Florida provides help and support to homeless families in our community. First Presbyterian Church provides mentoring support to several of these families and we see an opportunity to do more. Our members who have been involved so far are finding this a meaningful way to help these families get back on their feet and move toward self-sufficiency.

We have a team launching in August and have had several more people express an interest in becoming involved. We need 6-8 people to form a new team. If you have thought about getting involved, now is the time. Training for the next teams will take place in September. Indicate your interest on the Connect Card or call/text/email Cliff Steffen at 954-540-6692 / cliff@sandysteffen.com for more information.

You will be amazed at what you will receive once you get involved by sharing your life experiences and helping a family thrive.

### 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.



11 AM

August 21, 2016

Fourteenth 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

PRELUDE

MICHAEL SAYERS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

Leader: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

**People: Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.**

Leader: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so you may be blessed in all you do.

**People: Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### \*HYMN 150

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God, redeem us, for we stand in need of forgiveness. We squander Your mercy when we abuse Your creation. We slander our neighbors and seek not Your peace. Nations rise up against nations, and threats of terrorism fill the air. Those who work find no hope of relief. The homeless wander without protection from harm. Christ had compassion on all those who suffered. Cleanse us of the sin that closes our hearts to our brothers and sisters and hear us now as we offer you our silent personal confession...**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord:

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord!

**ANTHEM** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– arr. Joel Raney

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON  
**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**

**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](http://www.firstpres.cc), clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

**OFFERTORY** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– arr. Camp Kirkland

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 17: 15-18 NKJV  
Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to [fp\\_guest](http://fp_guest). Password: [fpcquest](http://fpcquest) (case sensitive)

**MESSAGE** "Moving from Concern to Compassion" REV. ALAN PLATT

**\*HYMN 145** "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart" MARION

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**WE WELCOME** the Rev. Alan Platt to our services today! Alan Platt is an agent of transformation in the lives of individuals, local churches and corporate structures of society. He has been in full-time ministry since 1983, serving the church on various levels. Under his leadership as the Visionary Leader of Doxa Deo, a strong city-reaching strategy has been established. More information about Alan at [AlanPlatt.org](http://AlanPlatt.org). Alan is married to Leana and they have two children, Duncan (27) and Amy (25).

**THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:**

Betty Ann Smith, Ann Marie, Jeff, Coleman and Cooper Glazer and family on the death of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Viola Whitaker Davis on August 13, 2016 in Swansea, South Carolina. A celebration of Viola's life will be held at Sardis Baptist Church in Swansea on Friday, August 19, 2016 at 11am, and

Elizabeth and Michael Hull and family on the death of Michael's mother, Jeanora Rae Hull, on August 13, 2016. A celebration of Jeanora's life will be held in Watts Chapel on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 11am, and

Christine Mills and family on the death of her mother, Shirley Leinen, on August 15, 2016 in Red Hill, South Dakota. A celebration of Shirley's life will be held in South Dakota, and

Bev Johnson and family on the death of her sister, Gereee Lee, on August 16, 2016 in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. A celebration of Gereee's life will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016 in Pennsylvania.

**THE FLOWERS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE** are given In loving memory of our mother, Norma M. Callaghan, by her family.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please call 954-462-6200. Available dates: September 4, September 11, and September 18

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:** Rev. Alan Platt, *Leader and Founder of Doxa Deo*; Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor of Family Ministries & Mission*; Rev. Dr. Richard B. Anderson, *Associate Pastor*

**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!

**Please note:** Fellowship Breakfast will not be served on Rally Day, August 28. Plan to join us for our Rally Day celebration instead! Breakfast will resume on Sunday, September 4.

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

**CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY:** The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for today, Sunday, August 21 at the conclusion of the 11am worship service for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

**Ready to take the First Step? TODAY!**

Would you like to learn more about Membership at First Pres? Come meet our pastors and learn what it means to be a member here. Please join us TODAY at 10:15 am in the Spanish Room. Hope to see you there!

**Connect & Plug in at First Pres! Rally Day NEXT Sunday, August 28**

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun beginning at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will kick off our Fall programs and celebrate our upcoming year. There will be special music, brunch, children's activities and even a petting zoo. Children will have an opportunity to meet their Sunday school teachers and receive a small gift! So please join us for this special day and find out where you can get plugged in at First Pres – "Where Faith Comes Alive"!

**Kirk Singer Rehearsals begin TODAY!**

5pm in the choir room. Chapel Singer rehearsals will begin on August 28.

**Help Us Close the Gap!**

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

BUDGET NEEDS (year to date): \$888,008

GIVING (year to date): \$697,317

CURRENT GAP: \$190,691