

### Wednesday Night Live Dinners: 5 pm on September 21

Menu: Chicken Parmesan with Bow Tie Pasta  
\$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.

### Pebbles of Faith Evening Women’s Bible Study

Fourth Tuesday of the month in Room NC-224. (second floor of the Neumann Center, all the way at the end), begins Tuesday, September 27. 6:00pm Potluck meal with study and discussion to follow. Join this dynamic group of ladies as we resume our focus on Rob Bell’s “NOOMA” series. For more information: west\_kim@bellsouth.net

### Join us for Christian Women Connect Bible Study on Thursday, September 22

9:45 am Fellowship/10 am Study & Discussion in the Study & Renewal Center. This fall, we are delving into Joanna Weaver’s *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* study designed to help you find intimacy with God in the busyness of life. Gail Auguston-Koppen will facilitate this week’s session: Introduction/Video: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* Study Guides/Books available for purchase \$20. For information, contact Laura Ziegler 954.598.9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

### “First Step” is NEXT Sunday at 10:15 am

Looking to find out more about First Pres and what’s next for you? Join us for a short overview and a great opportunity to meet our staff and some new friends. We meet the fourth Sunday of each month in the Spanish Room (located behind the sanctuary). Hope to see you there!

### Save the Date! Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 26

Dinner at 5 pm, Parade and Trunk or Treat at 6 pm  
*Wear your costumes!* Dinner and Trunk reservations are necessary by October 19. Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

### Mission Programs for Kids!!

Mission Possible Kids (1<sup>st</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade) & Glow Kids (PreK4 & K) Meet every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Neumann Center. Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are available for anyone who is hurting, whether it be physically, mentally or emotionally. They are located in the lobby of the 2nd floor of the Neumann Center. Please direct any questions to congregationalcare@firstpres.cc.

### 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.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**The Seven Last “Words” of Paul**  
9:30am/Neumann Center Library/  
Facilitated by Tim Dobbins/Bring your Bible

**Ephesians for Everyone/9:30am & 11am/Room NC-216 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Neumann center at the end of the hallway)/Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw**

**Risen: 50 Reasons Why the Resurrection Changed Everything**  
9:30am Chapel In The Sky/  
Facilitated by Paige Brody and Herb Clark/ Paperback \$12.50 / Kindle \$8.99 at amazon.com

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

**Sacred Parenting/5pm/Room NC-227/Facilitated by Kathy Mayers and Karen Owen/Book \$9.99 Christianbooks.com Begins 9-18**

**Christian Meditation/5pm/ Facilitated by Shelley Hartman/ Study & Renewal Center**

### TUESDAYS

**Men’s Bible Study/7:45pm in the Neumann Center Library/ Continued study of the book of Deuteronomy/Bring your Bible**

**Pebbles of Faith Women’s Bible Study**  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday/6pm Potluck meal/Study follows at 6:30pm/ Room NC-224/Facilitated by Kim White/Begins 9-27

*For more information contact Mona Petersen, Director Adult Christian Education and Small Groups 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.*

### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

**Girlfriend Revolution: Discovering God’s Design for Authentic Relationships / A RightNow Media Bible Study - All moms are welcome!/Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday/9:15am/Room NC-227/Facilitated by Jeannelle Benek and Kristen Deptula**

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

**At Home In Mitford/6:30pm Study & Renewal Center/Facilitated by Kathy Craven/Paperback \$10.07 / Kindle \$8.99 at amazon.com**

**The Women and Men of the New Testament/6:30pm/Neumann Center Library/Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant/Bring your Bible**

**Divorce Care/6:15pm Spanish Room/Facilitated by Tricia Young, Ronnie Young and Patty Stover/ Workbook \$20/Contact Tricia Young /954-598-9344/TriciaY@firstpres.cc/Begins 9-21**

### THURSDAY MORNINGS

**Christian Women Connect! Women’s Bible Study: *Having a Mary Heart In A Martha World*/ Study & Renewal Center/9:45am Fellowship/10am Study and discussion/Study guide \$20 Contact Laura Ziegler/954-598-9312/LauraZ@firstpres.cc/Facilitated by Gail Auguston-Koppen, Lorie Moran, Mona Petersen, Georgiana Schuldt, Phyllis Thomas**

**Men’s Bible Study/Study & Renewal Center/12pm/Facilitated by Eric Johnson**



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

September 18, 2016

Eighteenth 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** “Procession” SUSAN DODD, organ  
– C. S. Lang

**CHORAL INTROIT** “In This Very Room” KIRK SINGERS  
– Ron & Carol Harris

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

Leader: Let us express our love of the Lord who is our strength.

**People: The Lord is our rock, our fortress and our deliverer.**

Leader: He is our shield and our strength.

**People: We have come to worship our Lord and to praise His name!**

**\*HYMN 476** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” LYONS

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

**We praise You, O God, for the greatness of Your love and the cleansing power of Your mercy. We confess that we often follow our own desires instead of seeking and working Your will. Too often we are more concerned with our own welfare than the welfare of others. We confess that we do little to alleviate the pain and suffering we see all around us in this world. Forgive us, Lord, and put a vision of service and a right spirit within us. Help us to effectively love the unlovely and to care for the broken hearted. Use us to truly bless the world around us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Hear the Good News of Salvation”

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!

Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I Love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

**ANTHEM** "Sing and Be Not Silent" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Mary MacDonald

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**\*BAPTISMAL HYMN** "Baptized in Water"  
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**\*PASTORAL PRAYER** MONA PETERSEN

**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** "Come and Follow Me" KIRK SINGERS  
– Tom Franzak

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS**

Luke 16: 1-13 N.T. PAGE 79  
*Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device.  
To access WiFi go to [fp\\_guest](http://fp_guest). Password: [fp\\_guest](http://fp_guest) (case sensitive)*

**MESSAGE** "Who Do You Work For?" REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON

**\*HYMN 386** "O For a World" AZMON

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "La Rejouissance" (from *Fireworks Music*) SUSAN DODD,  
– G. F. Handel *organ*



**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:  
**9:30 am:** PreK4-5<sup>th</sup> grade-2<sup>nd</sup> floor NC-224, PreK3-1<sup>st</sup> floor Room NC-127 (Held in Neumann Center)  
**11 am:** 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:**

Kristen and Bryan Deptula and family on the death of Bryan's aunt, Jean Pepler on September 11, 2016 in Newark, Delaware; and,

Diane and Sal DeFelice and family on the death of Sal's brother, Leo James DeFelice on September 13, 2016 in Edinburg, New York. A celebration of Leo's life was held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 in New York.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS BEING ADMINISTERED TO:**

Grace Catherine Abbate, born on December 8, 2015, daughter of Jenny and Ryan Abbate, granddaughter of Glenda and Florio Abbate, and Dottie and Steve Jackson, great-granddaughter of Mary Lee Bounds, and Mickey Abbate.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** are given in Honor of Marcia Thompson who birthday is today by her parents, Jim and Barb Sabin.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please call 954-462-6200. Available dates: October 2, 9, and 23

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:** Rev. Dr. Richard B. Anderson, *Associate Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor of Family Ministries & Mission*, Mona Petersen, *Director Adult Christian Education and Small Groups*

**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.

**BREAKFAST WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Breakfast will not be held this Sunday due to the Blood Drive.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sundae Funday TODAY!**

Join us after all 3 services for an old-fashioned ice cream social with all-you-can-eat waffle bar. Come to the loggia after 8:30 am and to Fellowship Hall after both the 9:30 and 11 am services. Donations gratefully accepted, all proceeds benefit our local Ft. Lauderdale *Mothers of Preschoolers* (MOPS) chapter.

**Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons – TODAY!**

8 am – 1 pm in the St. Andrew's Room, NC-101 (Neumann Center)

Why should you donate blood?

- One in three of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime
- Donating is truly "paying it forward"
- Only 5% of the eligible population donates blood, yet 36 could donate at any one time

Will we see you there?

**SERRV is TODAY!**

Come by the Spanish Room next Sunday September 18 for SERRV's first fall sale. We will be featuring items from the West Bank including award winning olive oil and Za'atar Mix, which together make a delicious dipping oil. Israeli and Palestinian women work together to make many of these items. SERRV International has unique foods, cookware, and other handmade items crafted by artisans worldwide who need your support. You can always find something special to give as a gift or treat yourself and remember that your purchase gives the artisans who make these items a means to be a blessing to their families.

**Get into the Swing! Ballroom dancing resumes**

Mondays, beginning September 19 in Fellowship Hall Intermediate at 6:30 and beginners at 7:30. The prom will be November 14. Hosted by Bob and Mikki Crosby.

**Choir Season has begun!**

All choirs have begun rehearsing and are excited about music for the Fall season. Now is the time to join one of our Children's, Youth, or Adult Choirs. You do not have to be a church member to sing with us! Please call the church for more information.

**The 2016-2017 Concert Series Announced**

Our concert series brochure is in the works and will be mailed out soon. Our first concert of the season will be Sunday, October 23 at 7pm. We will present "Brass through the Ages—500 years of Heroic Music" performed by an 11-member brass and percussion ensemble. The concert is free and no tickets are needed.

**Help Us Close the Gap!**

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

BUDGET NEEDS (year to date): \$991,570

GIVING (year to date): \$767,429

CURRENT GAP: \$224,141