

Ballroom Dancing has concluded for the fall and will resume in March.

Wednesday Night Live! Dinner and programs will break Wednesday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Dinner and programs will resume Wednesday, November 30.

Adult Activity Center (AAC) will resume its weekly program next Thursday, December 1! Happy Thanksgiving!

MOPS Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 30 and December 4

Join us for a fun shopping extravaganza featuring 30 different vendors and a breakfast with Santa! Bring your shopping list and camera! For more information please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 8, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the home of Phyllis Thomas. We welcome Dr. Heather Clark as our special guest speaker. Please bring a Christmas gift for an adult woman to donate to Women in Distress (gifts should be valued \$25-\$50). We will give to WID participants at our event on December 15. Please RSVP by December 2 to Laura Ziegler 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

High School/Middle School students

December 26-30

Deadline to register is **TODAY!** Find more info on the website or just ask Nic Merchant, 954-598-9361. Space is limited.

Save the date! Christmas Family Night with special guest Santa Claus!

Thursday, December 15, 5:30-7:30pm Cost: \$7 includes a delicious dinner (children under age 2 free). For more information or to RSVP contact Cindy Vason: 954-598-9341. Reservations are needed by 12/11!

THANK YOU!

The Missions Committee would like to thank all our volunteers and congregation members for a great day yesterday. With your help we packaged and distributed over 725 Thanksgiving meals to families in our area.

AAC December Trip: The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum

Wednesday, December 21, Cost \$121 (Could be a great gift for you) Join us as we tour the Wick's fifth costume installation, enjoy lunch at the Tavern at the Wick, and see "Sister Act", a divine musical comedy.

FPC Men's Ministry presents "Fellowship and Football"

Miami Dolphins vs. Arizona Cardinals, Sunday, December 11, at 1pm We will be using the church buses and will leave the church at 11 am. Seating is limited and is available on a first come first serve basis. Once full, we will coordinate car pools to minimize the number of cars and parking fees. Ticket prices: \$35 for upper level, \$70 for lower level. \$4 for bus (while seats are available). **Purchase by November 27 to assure you are seated with the First Pres group.** Ticket order forms are available in the front office. For more information contact Bill Condon at 732-670-7435 or whcondon1023@gmail.com

A CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE!

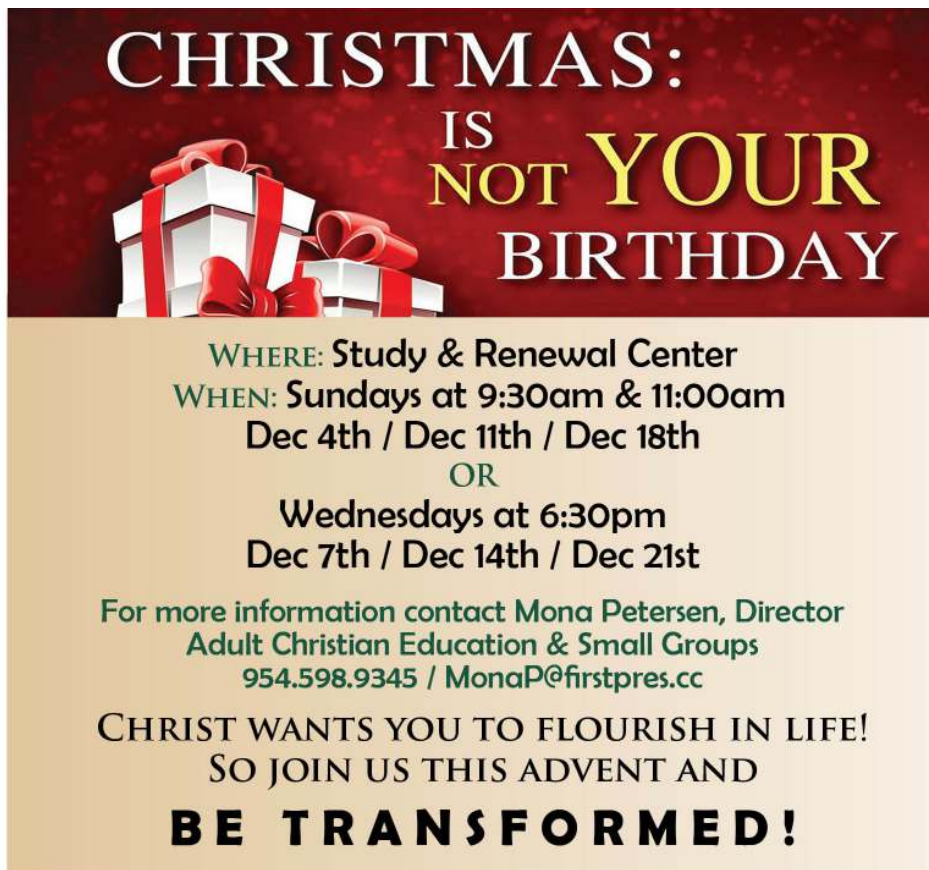
Every year, we say we're going to **cut back...**
In an effort to refocus our attention on Jesus this Christmas, we are challenging everyone to make a priority of **remembering** that **Christmas is Jesus' birthday** by: **HAVING A SLIM CHRISTMAS**

THE CHALLENGE...

1. **Match or exceed your Christmas giving** to your family and friends **to the Mission of Christ's Church.**
2. Or, **if you are facing** great financial **debt**, we encourage you to **match or exceed your Christmas giving** to your family and friends to **pay down your debt** without incurring any new debt. Then submit the amount paid down (with our without your name attached) as an offering at a Christmas service.
3. Or, if you live on a **fixed income**, are **unemployed or impoverished** then **commit to match or exceed your giving** to your family and friends **in service** hours equivalent to a minimum wage rate **to the Mission of Christ's Church.** Just call the front office at (954) 462-6200 and we are happy to help you get plugged in!

To inspire and support you with this Christmas Challenge, we invite you to join us for a 3-Week Advent Bible Study

"Christmas Is Not Your Birthday" books will be available on Sunday, November 27 between morning services and also after Hanging of the Greens in the evening.



CHRISTMAS:
IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

WHERE: Study & Renewal Center
WHEN: Sundays at 9:30am & 11:00am
Dec 4th / Dec 11th / Dec 18th
OR
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Dec 7th / Dec 14th / Dec 21st

For more information contact **Mona Petersen, Director**
Adult Christian Education & Small Groups
954.598.9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

CHRIST WANTS YOU TO FLOURISH IN LIFE!
SO JOIN US THIS ADVENT AND
BE TRANSFORMED!



11 AM

November 20, 2016
Christ the King Sunday

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 "Now Thank We All Our God" **SUSAN DODD,**
- arr. Wilbur Held **organ**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON**

Leader: Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart.

People: Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than You.

Leader: For me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord my refuge, to tell of all your works.

People: Indeed, those who are far from You, O God, will perish.

Leader: Now let us all worship God with all that we have
and with all that we are, knowing that the Lord is our God,
and we are God's people.

***HYMN 467** "How Great Thou Art" **SWEDISH FOLK MELODY**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, our judge and redeemer, You have chosen us to do Your work in the world. We have the ability to do it, but often we claim to be helpless. We are prosperous, but often we fail to try to meet the needs of others. Forgive us, for we are not always faithful in using Your good gifts.

People: Christ, have mercy on us.

Leader: And forgive us.

People: Forgive us when we become so self-preoccupied that we neglect the people around us: our family, our friends and those who have no family and friends. Forgive us when we become so absorbed in our own affairs, that we fail to remember who we are and why we were given the gift of life. As we are forgiven by Christ, help us to forgive each other. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, accept the forgiveness which God offers in Jesus Christ, and go forth remembering that past wrongs are forgiven and

should be forgotten, because God has completely forgiven you.
Friends, believe the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: In Jesus Christ, we do believe we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

ANTHEM "Look At The World" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– John Rutter

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts and forgiving sinners. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal.

ANTHEM "All Good Gifts" (From *Godspell*) KIRK SINGERS
– Stephen Schwartz ELLIOT MAHON, *soloist*

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 "Old Hundredth Psalm Tune" KIRK SINGERS AND
– arr. Ralph Vaughan-Williams CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9 N.T. PAGE 44

*Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device.
To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fp_guest (case sensitive)*

MESSAGE REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL
"Being satisfied with less than God offers"

***HYMN 555** "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Now Thank We All Our God" ORGAN
– arr. Virgil Fox

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: PreK4-5th grade-2nd floor NC-224, PreK3-1st 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:

Betty Ann Smith, Ann Marie, Coleman and Cooper Glazer and family on the death of mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mary Lewis Rast Smith, on November 12, 2016 in South Carolina. A celebration of Mary's life will be held in South Carolina.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

John Scott – Broward General Medical Center

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in gratitude for family and friends by Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200. Available dates: December 11, December 18, and January 1

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Richard B. Anderson, *Associate Pastor*, and Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*

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

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST! 9:15 am – 11 am in the St. Andrew's Room
Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed – first come, first served. Hope to see you there!

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.

THE PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY enables you to let someone know that you have just prayed for them. It is an easy, anonymous, and effective way of providing encouragement and comfort during a difficult time. Please call the church office if you, or someone you know, could use this means of caring support.

This week, please pray for:

Kristen Berardi – call pager number 954-823-0118
Earl Mogk – call pager number 954-823-0119

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

Join us at First Step TODAY, 10:15 am – 11 am

Come when you can, leave when you must!

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 in the Spanish Room (located behind the sanctuary). We hope to see you there!

Blood Drive TODAY 8am – 1pm, St. Andrew's Room in the Neumann Ctr.

Advent Begins November 27

We are in need of 13 families or individuals to light the candles on our Advent Wreaths at each of our weekly worship services (8:30am, 9:30am, 11am) on November 27, December 4, 11, and 18, as well as at the 5pm, 6:30 pm, 8pm, and 10pm services on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24. We will also need one family or individual to light those candles at the single 11am worship service on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. Please CALL Barb Yatrousis at 954-598-9311, or e-mail her at BarbaraY@firstpres.cc as soon as possible to reserve your service! Dates will be reserved on a first come, first served basis!

Angel Tree TODAY

It's not Thanksgiving yet, but a team is already busy planning for the Jail and Prison Ministry's Angel Tree gift drive and party. TODAY a tree decorated with Angels needing your loving attention will be out on the patio. Please stop by, pick out an Angel and register it, shop for the gift suggested and return it to the church by December 4. Many volunteers are also needed to help make the party on Sunday, December 11 a memorable event for these children and their caregivers.

Next Sunday is Hanging of the Greens!

First Presbyterian Church has a wonderful tradition of kicking off our Advent Season with a "Hanging of the Greens" special celebration. This service will be held Sunday, November 27 at 5pm. Our Sanctuary will be beautifully decorated, bagpipers will lead us in song and the children's choirs will sing. Our annual "Blessing of the Newborns" will also take place. Please contact Cindy Vason in the Children's Ministry Department at CindyV@firstpres.cc if you know of a child born within the last year who should be included in this special blessing. All are invited to join us for a cookie and wassail reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church front desk at 954-462-6200 and let us know if you can bring a dozen cookies to share. We look forward to sharing this tradition with you. Don't forget to invite a friend to this family friendly service!