

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child:

Shoebboxes can be picked up after each worship service, and the deadline to return the filled box is Sunday, November 13th. For more info: contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc.

High School/Middle School students:

We are leaving for BreakThru 2017 on December 26th and return the night of the 30th. Deadline to register is November 19th! Find more info on the website or just ask Nic Merchant, 954-598-9361. Space is limited.

High School Lock-in is Nov 18/19

We will be heading to IMAX to see a surprise movie (Fantastic Beasts!) Price: \$15. There are 30 spaces available. First-come-first-served. See website for more info!

AAC November Trip: Tuesday, November 15

Museum of Discovery and Science IMAX Movie and Exhibits followed by lunch at the Margaritaville Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL. Cost is \$64. Please call or email for more details and a trip information sheet: Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Surviving the Holidays Seminar: Saturday, November 19, 3pm-5pm

(Dinner to follow, optional) in the Study and Renewal Center
Are you separated or divorced? You are invited to join us for this 2 hour seminar that will provide practical holiday coping strategies and hope for brighter days ahead during the holiday season. Hosted by Tricia and Ronnie Young. For more details, 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Save the Date! Hanging of the Greens is November 27

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. A festive celebration will be enjoyed by all! One of our special activities is 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. We look forward to seeing you at this special service - don't forget to invite a friend!

MOPS Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 30 and December 4
Please mark your calendars for the MOPS annual Holiday Bazaar featuring a breakfast with Santa. If you are a vendor or a ministry that would like a booth please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.



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) 562-6200 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



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!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

November 6, 2016
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints' Day Celebration

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

CHORAL INTROIT "For All the Saints" SUSAN DODD
- Ralph Vaughan-Williams organ

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

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
Leader: Come let us sing and pray to the Lord.
People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, Singing joyful songs to the Lord, and listening for God's word for us.**

*HYMN 442 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us all now admit to God what we have done and failed to do for which we are ashamed.
People: **Gracious God, we now confess to You that we have been reluctant to believe In You and trust You, and we have not loved You above all else. We have listened to Your word, but we have not always obeyed it. We have not searched for signs of Your love in the world, nor have we trusted Your news for us to be good. You have sent Jesus Christ to us, and we have often rejected Him as our Lord. We have refused His love, His forgiveness, and His peace. Forgive us for refusing to believe and trust Jesus Christ as our Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's mercy never ends. I tell you, in the name of Jesus Christ we are all forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God for God's love.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM "When the Saints Go Marching In" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– John Rutter RICHARD HANCOCK, *clarinet*
AL LEONARDIS, *percussion*

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

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 “ Pie Jesu” KIRK SINGERS
– Victor C. Johnson (Translation: *Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.*)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5: 1-9 N.T. PAGE 96
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. ROBERT W. BOHL
“What to do with the desire to live life over?”

CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Please partake of the elements as they are served to you.

***PRAYER**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “The Lord’s Prayer” A.H. MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “For All the Saints” SUSAN DODD
– arr. David Cherwien *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: PreK4-5th 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.

WE WELCOME Richard Hancock as our guest instrumentalist for this morning’s service. Richard has played clarinet solos here on many occasions, as well as in the orchestra ensembles that accompany the Cathedral Choir.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

George Knapp – North Broward Medical Center
John Scott – Broward General Medical Center

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given in loving memory of husband and father, Hugh Leavell Harris, by Jeannie Harris.

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. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*

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

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

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!

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

Snow White and the Prince

A musical version of the classic tale, will be presented by our Chapel Singers this Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12 at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. Come and enjoy our Jr. High youth as they present this one hour show!

Advent Begins November 27

We are in need of 17 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 Yatrous 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!

Ballroom Dancing:

Last class Monday, November 7 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
Prom Friday, November 11 at 5:30 pm at Nick’s Italian Restaurant
Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 8 to bobcrosby48@gmail.com.

Tea and Table Talk

Tuesday, November 8 at 2 pm, Study and Renewal Center
Women of all ages are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of companionship, A FUN TEA PARTY, and discussions of many varied subjects, holidays, and memories. For more information: Contact Petey Buchholz at 954-566-1744.

Wednesday Night Live Dinners: 5 pm on November 9

Menu: Beef Stroganoff • \$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.

Adult Activity Center (AAC), a Senior Adult Ministry: Veteran’s Day with the Broward County Mummers String Band

Thursday, November 10 at 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall
Chef Kevin is serving Beef Stroganoff. The cost is \$9. RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, November 10, 9:45 - 11am in the Study & Renewal Center
Joanna Weaver, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*
This week: Martha McKnight and Sue Botkin will facilitate *Martha’s Teachable Heart / Video: The Beauty of Repentance*. For information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

Blessing Tree and Thanksgiving Social - Thursday, November 17, following Class. Bring a Sweet or Finger Food to share...Sign up Today, all are welcome!