

8th Grade Confirmation Classes

Sundays beginning January 15, 2017, 3:30-4:30pm in The Harbor.
For more information contact Nic Merchant at NicM@firstpres.cc.

2017 Faith Promise Cards

In the month of December, Pledge Cards for 2017 may be found in the pew racks in the Main Sanctuary. They are also available at the rear of Fellowship Hall and Chapel-in-the-Sky. If you would like to make a Faith Promise for giving in 2017, please return your pledge card in the offering plate or to the Business Office before January 15, 2017.

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.



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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ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

A Light In The Window
Book \$10, Kindle \$8.99 amazon.com
Facilitated by Kathy Craven
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Study & Renewal Center
Begins January 11, 2017

The Women & Men of the New Testament
Bring you Bible
Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Chapel in the Sky (3rd floor / Neumann Center)
Resumes January 11, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL CARE OFFERINGS
Grief Support Small Group
Facilitated by Tim Dobbins
Wednesdays at 4:30pm
Spanish Room

Divorce Care
Workbook: \$20 (scholarships available)
Facilitated by Tricia and Ronnie Young
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Spanish Room

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Galatians for Everyone
Sundays at 9:30am
Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw
Room NC-216
and
Sundays at 11:00am
Facilitated by Mona Petersen
Room NC - 216
Begins January 15, 2017

The Parables of Jesus
Book: \$10.99 / Ebook: \$9.59
Facilitated by Herb Clark and Paige Brody
Sundays at 9:30am
Chapel in the Sky (3rd floor / Neumann Center)
Begins January 15, 2017

Bible 101: "Enrich Your Relationship With God"
Bring a Bible
Facilitated by Patty Stover and Darleen Callaghan
Sundays at 9:30am
Room NC - 227
Begins February 5, 2017

The Seven Last "Words" of Paul
Bring a Bible
Facilitated by Tim Dobbins
Sundays at 9:30am
Room NC-202 / Neumann Center Library
Begins January 15, 2017

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Devotions for Sacred Parenting
Facilitated by Karen Own and Kathy Mayers
Sundays at 5:00pm
Room NC-227

TUESDAY AM / PM

Men's Bible Study
Tuesdays at 7:45am
NC - 202 / Neumann Center Library
Ongoing

Pebbles of Faith Evening Women's Bible Study - "Battlefield of the Mind"
by Joyce Meyer.

Fourth Tuesday of the month
Potluck at 6:00pm with study to follow
Facilitated by Kim White
NC - 219 (second floor / Neumann Center)

THURSDAY AM / PM

Christian Women Connect!
Morning Women's Bible Study
"THE ARMOR OF GOD" (by Priscilla Shirer).
Study Guide: \$15
Contact (954) 598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc
9:45am / Fellowship time
10:00am / Study and discussion begin
Study & Renewal Center
Begins January 12, 2017

Men's Bible Study & Lunch
Facilitated by Eric Johnson
Thursdays at 12:00pm/noon
NC-202 / Neumann Center Library
Ongoing

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS

The Book of Galatians
Paul's strong corrective message and good news in Galatians demands to be heard and reheard.
Get plugged in to a small group Bible study for the new year! Choose from a variety of days and times.

To get plugged in and find out more:
Mona Petersen, Director
Adult Christian Education & Small Groups
954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

January 1, 2017
First Sunday after Christmas

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A light has shone forth from Jacob!
People: **We welcome the Light from God.**
Leader: Rejoice! The True Light is shining!
People: **We embrace His light and His life.**
Leader: Let us worship our God!

TRICIA YOUNG

*HYMN 66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Holy God our Father, how easy it is for us to lose touch with Your grace. How easy it is to seek our own will. How easy it is to ignore the needs we see all around us and to fall short of all You intend for our good. Father, we confess that we have sinned against Your perfect grace in thought, word and deed. Grant, O Father, that we may be forgiven and may be strengthened by Your grace. And by Your mercy grow up into all the fullness You intend for Your people to be light in this fallen world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***APOSTLES' CREED** NIC MERCHANT
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, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

OFFERTORY

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

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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 "The Best Investment of All Time!" TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

***HYMN 210** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



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:

The family and friends of Judith "Judy" Britton, who died on December 16, 2016 in Tampa, FL, and

Oleta Krause, Jacquie Dawkins and families on the death of nephew and cousin, Jon Crayton Scott, on December 17, 2016. A celebration of Jon's life was held on December 22 at Plantation Community Church, and

Shirley Beal and family on the death of her husband, Jack Beal, on December 18, 2016. A celebration of Jack's life was held at Fred Hunter funeral home on December 21, 2016, and

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200. Available dates: January 8, January 22, and January 29

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*, Tricia Young, *Director Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries (AAC)*, 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

COFFEE AND COOKIES – Come join us for Christian fellowship!

TODAY, New Year's Day, 10am to 11am in the Neumann Center Lobby. Our Sunday Fellowship Breakfast will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 9:15 am – 11am in the St. Andrew's Room.

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

Friends of Women of Faith

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7pm in the Study and Renewal Center. Women of all ages are invited to gather and hear inspiring messages from Women of Faith leaders as they teach us to walk in faith with God. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 11am – 12:30 pm in the Study and Renewal Center. Do you help or assist a loved one who needs care? For more information, please contact Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@FirstPres.cc.

Wednesday Night Live!

WNL! Dinner and all programs will resume Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6pm.

AAC (Senior Adult Ministry)

Happy New Year! Our program will resume on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

AAC Trip – Tuesday, January 24: Key Largo, FL and the Coral Castle

Join us as we head to Key Largo to eat lunch at the waterfront paradise, Skipper's Dockside. After lunch we will tour the Coral Castle, a sculpture garden in stone built by one man. Cost: \$73, RSVP: TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.

Women's Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study will resume on January 12, 2017 with Priscilla Shirer's, *The Armor of God*. Happy New Year to all!

The Westminster Choir in Concert

Saturday evening, January 14 at 7pm. The Westminster Choir from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ will present a concert here in our sanctuary. The concert is free, no tickets are required, and the public is invited to attend. There will be a free-will offering taken.

2017-18 Scholarship Applications are now available online!

Link to application at www.firstpres.cc. Application deadline: 5pm/ March 1, 2017. A Scholarship Workshop will be held: Sunday, January 29 at 6:30pm in the St. Andrew's Room. The scholarship workshops are geared towards students, but parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Attendance by the students is not required, but is encouraged. For more information, please contact the Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@firstpres.cc.