

8th Grade Confirmation Classes

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

The next "First Step" is Sunday, January 22, 10:15 am – 11:00 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 the fourth Sunday of each month in the Spanish Room (located behind the Sanctuary). We hope to see you there!

2017 Faith Promise Cards

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.

"Little Miss Sweetheart" Father/Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 9, 6 to 8pm in Fellowship Hall, Ages 4 – 13
Dinner, Entertainment, Memories. RSVP to Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or email CindyV@firstpres.cc.

Early Registration has begun for Happyland Day School

First Presbyterian members are eligible to register before registration opens up to the community on January 30. There is limited space available in PK2-Kindergarten. Call to set up a tour and see what makes Happyland the perfect place for your little one to grow, learn, and play! Office phone: 954-463-6051.

CPR Training: Get Trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

Save the date: Sunday, March 5, 12pm in the St. Andrew's Room
Cost is \$40 and includes a light lunch. Make your reservation for this lifesaving course by contacting Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

Check Out Our New Church App!

Search for FirstPres.cc at the App Store or Google Play, and download our app for quick links to live streamed or recorded services, our giving page, Bible study helps, and ways to connect with us!

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.

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 Owen 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

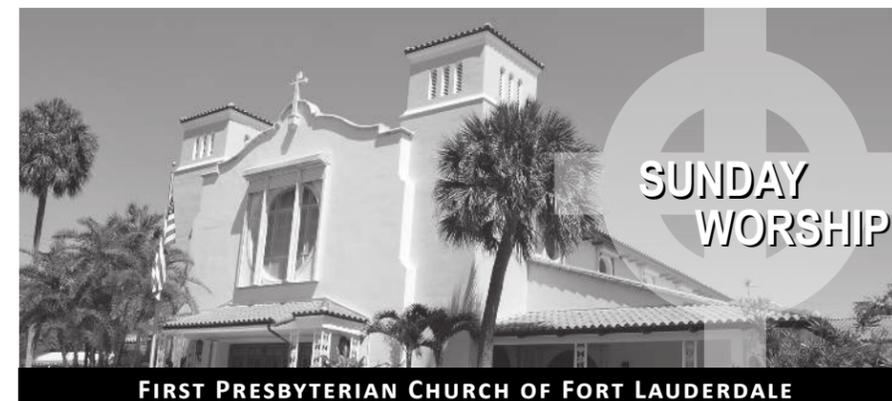
Facilitated by Eric Johnson
Thursdays at 12:00pm/noon
NC-202 / Neumann Center Library
Ongoing

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 15, 2017
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

ORGAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

Leader: Jesus said: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

All: Jesus also said: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you."

Leader: We have come here to worship God and to seek the wisdom which comes from Jesus Christ on how best to live life.

All: Let us all worship God.

*HYMN 476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

LYONS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus said: "If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. But if you do not forgive the wrongs of others, then your Father in heaven will not forgive the wrongs you have done." Let us ask God to forgive us.

All: God of mercy, we confess that we are often blind to Your presence in our daily life. We often act as if You did not exist. We admit that at times we are angry when things do not go our way. At times we take out our resentments on those who love us. We confess at times our pride and self-centeredness hurts others, and we confess at times we do not care for others, because we spend so much caring for ourselves. Accept our confessions, and in mercy hear our prayers, and forgive us, and give us the joy of knowing that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because God loves us, God's mercy and forgiveness never comes to an end. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we believe we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness:
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!

ANTHEM "A Good Work" KIRK SINGERS
– Mark A. Miller
Quinton Womack, *narration*
Gabrielle Fickinger and Catherine Sturman, *soloists*

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*From the Brief Statement of Faith*)

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 true God, the Holy one of Israel, 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 the children, healing the sick, binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his sinless 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, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM "Many Gifts, One Spirit" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Allen Pote

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

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 "Come and Follow Me" KIRK SINGERS
– Tom Franzak

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2 N.T. PAGE 194
Mark 3:1-6 N.T. PAGE 37
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 "When anger is a gift from God" REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL

ANTHEM "Consecration" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– John Ness Beck

***HYMN 434** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD
(Stanzas 1 and 4 only)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE 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.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Linda and Paul Greenman and family on the death of Linda's father, Kendall "Ken" Tremewen in Ocala, Florida on January 9, 2017, and Wini Mogk and family on the death of her husband, Earl Carl Mogk, on January 5, 2017. A celebration of Earl's life was held on January 10, 2017 in our Sanctuary.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Georgee Edelmayer – Holy Cross Hospital
Patti Mitchell – Memorial Regional West

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of our parents, Olive Rohlf and Donald MacLachlan, given by Jane Grieger and Sue Young.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: January 22, January 29, and February 5

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*

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

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST! 9:15–11am in the St. Andrew's Room

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

Wednesday Night Live! January 18, 2017 at 6pm

Menu: Chicken Piccata • \$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.

AAC (Senior Adult Ministry):

Thursday, January 19, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall
Presidents and their First Ladies, dramatically speaking
A dramatic portrayal of John and Abigail Adams by William and Sue Wills who have been touring the U.S. for the past 21 years. Chef Kevin is serving Chicken Piccata. Cost: \$9, RSVP: TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.

AAC February Trip

Valentine's Day Luncheon Cruise from Stuart, FL to Jupiter, FL on the Island Princess. Tuesday, February 14 from 8:15am to 4:30pm Cost is \$72. Please call to sign up or to receive more details from our trip information sheet. 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study resumes Thursday, January 19

9:45 - 11:15 a.m. in the Study and Renewal Center
Join us for a Bible study that will bring light to the war around you and challenge you to suit up, stand firm and secure victory in your life!
The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. This week: Phyllis Thomas will facilitate *Sizing Up the Enemy*. Study Guides: \$15. For information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.

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.