

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes

Sundays beginning next Sunday, January 15, 2017, 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.

### 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 8, 2017  
Baptism of the Lord

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** "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Craig Courtney

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all of God's benefits.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear God, as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.**

Leader: Now let us all worship God.

**\*HYMN 478** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us all now admit to God what we have done and failed to do for which we are ashamed.

**All: 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 news. You have sent Jesus Christ to us, but we have not always trusted Him as our Lord. We have at times refused to accept His love, His forgiveness, and His peace. Forgive us for refusing to trust completely in Jesus Christ as our Lord. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's mercy and forgiveness never ends. I announce to you, once again, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God for God's love.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**ANTHEM** "Give Me Jesus" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Howard Helvey

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH** TIMOTHY DOBBINS

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**

**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** KIRK SINGERS

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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](http://fp_guest). Password: [fpcguest](http://fpcguest) (case sensitive)

**MESSAGE** REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL  
"What to do with the desire to live life over?"

**\*HYMN 281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

**\*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:** PreK4-5<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.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

Dave Clark – Unity Hospital (Rochester, NY)  
Earl Mogk – Memorial Regional East  
Patti Mitchell – Memorial Regional West

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** are given in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jimmie Lee Byal with great appreciation from the Scholarship Committee.

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

**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  
Earl Mogk – call pager number 954-823-0119

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST**

We offer breakfast in the St. Andrew's Room every Sunday morning from 9:15 am – 11 am. So whatever service you attend – you can still join us for a delicious, homemade breakfast before or after church. Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed – first come, first served. Hope to see you there!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tea and Table Talk**

Tuesday, January 10 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! January 11, 2017 at 6pm**

Menu: BBQ Brisket • \$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](mailto:MonaP@firstpres.cc).

**AAC (Senior Adult Ministry):**

Thursday, January 12, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall  
**Happy New Year Celebration with Midnight Magic.** Gary Midnight is an extremely talented Master Magician/Illusionist, Mentalist, Entertainer who is coming to perform for us his amazing fast-paced, jaw-dropping, wild magical experience. Chef Kevin is serving BBQ Brisket. Cost is \$9. RSVP: [TriciaY@firstpres.cc](mailto:TriciaY@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9344

**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](mailto:TriciaY@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9344.

**Christian Women Connect Bible Study resumes Thursday, January 12**

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. Learn How the Enemy Always Fails When He Meets a Woman Dressed for the Occasion. Study Guides: \$15. For information: [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9312.

**The Westminster Choir in Concert**

This **Saturday** evening, January 14 at 7pm.  
Come and bring your friends to hear the renowned choral ensemble from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge, however a free-will offering will be taken.

**2017-18 Scholarship Applications are now available online!**

Link to application at [www.firstpres.cc](http://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](mailto:Scholarship@firstpres.cc).