

555 is Back!

Please join us at 5:55pm THIS Thursday, March 2.

We will be gathering at Flip Flops Dockside Eatery. They are located just off A1A and Oakland Park Blvd (next to Shooters). This is open to everyone, single/married, men/women, all ages, church member or not. This is a great time to come and socialize with old friends and meet new ones. It's also a great opportunity to bring a friend, family member, or co-worker. There is absolutely no agenda, just come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

And if you want, you can stay for dinner afterwards. Please let us know if you have any questions. Email Joe Vason at jvason@bellsouth.net or call 954-598-9341. Thanks and hope to see you there!!

Middle Schoolers Great Escape is here!

Students from all over the country attend this 5-day camp trip with their friends and leaders. Deadlines: ***Non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due Today, February 26!*** For more info, contact Youth Staff at TheHarbor@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9361.

Our annual Peace River canoe trip is set!

Paperwork and Payment are due March 5! For more info, contact Youth Staff at TheHarbor@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9361.

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

Sunday, March 5, 12pm in the St. Andrew's Room
Cost is \$40 and includes a light lunch. **Today is the last day to sign up!**
Make your reservation for this lifesaving course by contacting Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

FPC Women's Annual Spring Luncheon

Friday, March 31, 11am at Lauderdale Yacht Club, Cost: \$35
Don't miss this wonderful day...Fashions by J. McLaughlin and a Spring Musical performance featuring our FPC Praise Band! Cost: \$35, RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

6th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament at Lago Mar Country Club

Save the Date: Sunday, April 23
Reservations for this event will begin on March 1. Join us for a wonderful day followed by a delicious dinner and fellowship. Contact George Farquhar at 954-577-7762 / gafarquhar@aol.com.

Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage April 27 – April 30

The Pilgrimage is a lay led, spiritual renewal weekend designed for Christians who desire to renew their faith and develop a deeper understanding of Jesus' will for their lives. It is three days of singing, worship, laughter, prayer, fellowship, learning and enjoying the warmth of God's presence. And...lots of surprises! Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage #12 will be held at The Retreat at Silver Springs. www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org. To find out more contact either Georgiana Schuldt: georgianaschuldt@mac.com OR Rev. Dr. Richard Anderson: RichardA@firstpres.cc.

Save the Date! Lake Placid Family Retreat: April 28 – April 30

For more information, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

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 your 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 10:45am
Facilitated by Mona Petersen
Room NC - 216
Begins January 22, 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
Study & Renewal Center (the Cottage)
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



11 AM

February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Voluntary on "Holy, Holy, Holy" SUSAN DODD,
– Joyce Jones organ

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

Leader: A bush burns and is not consumed.
People: God is present among us.
Leader: A voice calls out from the clouds.
People: God is present among us.
Leader: A light shines in the darkness,
and the morning star rises in our hearts.

People: God is present among us.
Leader: Let us worship God. *Exodus 24, 2 Peter 1*

***HYMN 138** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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 "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (Psalm 8)
– Tom Fettke CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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 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 "Offertory" (Micah 6:6-8) CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– John Ness Beck

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 17:1-9 N.T. PAGE 18
2 Peter 1:16-21 N.T. PAGE 232

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

SERMON "Are you listening?" NIC MERCHANT

***HYMN 285** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" AUSTRIAN HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Recessional" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Arcangelo Corelli

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:

Leslie and Jim Flavell and family on the death of Jim's mother, Nancy Marie Flavell, on February 14, 2017, and

Bonnie Renzi and family on the death of Russell M. "Russ" Skelton, Jr., on February 16, 2017. A celebration of Russ' life will be held at a later date, and

The family and friends of Sarah Fugate, who died on February 16, 2017.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of Ralph Dearden by his wife, Pam Dearden.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.
Available dates: March 19, April 2 and April 9

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*

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

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:
Wini Mogk – call pager number 954-823-0119
Patti Mitchell – call pager number 954-823-0114
Kim White – call pager number 954-823-0118

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.

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

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

The next "First Step" is TODAY, February 26, 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).

Ash Wednesday Worship: This Wed. March 1 at 6:30pm in our Sanctuary.

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays at 4:30pm in the Spanish Room.
Facilitated by Tim Dobbins.

Caregiver Support Group - Wednesday, March 1, 11am – 12:30pm

Do you help or assist a loved one who needs care? Caregivers often experience feelings of fear, concern, and stress. Fortunately, there is hope and help. First Pres Church is hosting a Caregiver Support Group the first Wednesday of each month in the Study and Renewal Center. For more questions, please contact Tricia Young at 954-598-9344.

Wednesday Night Live!

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Menu: Traditional Pancakes and Sausage OR soup and turkey sandwich • \$5 Age 6 – Adult, kids under 6 eat free.

FOOD SERVERS NEEDED! SERVE DINNER AT WNL! AND YOUR MEAL IS ON THE HOUSE! Choose from either 4:45pm – 5:30pm OR 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Contact Mona Petersen to RSVP and for more information on how to volunteer! 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study on Thursday, March 2

9:45 – 11:15am in the Study and Renewal Center

The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. This week: Georgiana Schuldt will facilitate *The Sword of the Spirit*. For information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312. ***Sign up by 2/27 for March 2 First Thursday Boxed Lunch, BLT: \$8**

AAC (Senior Adult Ministry): Susan Ashley, singer, dancer, & songwriter

Thursday, March 2, 11:15am in Fellowship Hall
Chef Kevin is serving Beef Stroganoff. Cost: \$9, RSVP: TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.

Join us for a 5-week Church-wide Lenten Bible Study: Who Is This Man?

Wednesday evenings / March 8 – April 5 / 6:30pm / Study & Renewal Center (the Cottage)
Sunday mornings / March 12 - April 9 / 9:30am / Chapel In The Sky AND
Sunday mornings / March 12 – April 9 / 10:45am / Study & Renewal Center. A \$5 free-will offering for the study guide will be graciously received and appreciated but not mandatory.

Annual Kirk Singer Musical: Thoroughly Modern Millie

Thursday – Sunday, March 9-12. Tickets on sale after each service, or call the ticket hotline at 954-598-9324 or email tickets@firstpres.cc.