

### Annual Kirk Singer Musical: *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

Come and support our Kirk Singers this week, Thursday-Sunday March 9-12. The kids have been working so hard and practicing four times a week since January. There are two dinner shows and matinee on Sunday and opening night on Thursday! We hope to see you! For more information and tickets please call the hotline at 954-598-9324 or email tickets@firstpres.cc.

### AAC Upcoming Tax Preparation:

March 16 and 23: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Neumann Center, Room NC-200. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program certified volunteer counselors are looking forward to again assisting you with your Federal Tax return preparation and transmittal. AARP volunteers will prepare your taxes (within the scope of the AARP's charter) and transmit the Form 1040 Federal Return for 2016. The volunteers will handle Schedules A,B,C-EZ and D with reasonable amounts of Capital gains and losses. The volunteers will also answer certain tax questions you may have. Please call Tricia at 954-598-9344 for your 45 minute appt. Appointments are from 1:15 to 3pm on both days.

### 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.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament at Lago Mar Country Club

Sunday, April 23  
You can play golf, join in a game of tennis or just come and enjoy an evening of fellowship with friends. There will be a social hour, dinner, raffle and silent auction. We would appreciate any help you may give by contributing a raffle item or silent auction item to aid in support of our community outreach missions. Please contact George or Sally Farquhar for complete details at 954-577-7762 or 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.

### Lake Placid Family Retreat: Friday, April 28 – Sunday, April 30

Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and renewal! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

### Blood Drive on Sunday, March 19, 8am – 1pm in the St. Andrews Room

Did you know that blood cannot be fabricated, it can only be obtained by donations from you and me. Blood supplies are always critically needed and each unit you give saves up to three lives. Join us and share the life-saving gift of blood.

### Ballroom dancing continues...

Monday evenings in Fellowship Hall beginning March 13 – May 8 (Prom Night) 6:30pm Intermediate • 7:30pm Beginners  
Join Mikki and Bob Crosby for an evening of fellowship and fancy footwork! (We will break on Monday April 17, the day after Easter.)  
For more information contact Mona Petersen MonaP@firstpres.cc.

LENT 2017 / 5 SESSIONS  
Church-Wide Bible Study

**WHO IS THIS MAN**

The Unpredictable Impact  
of the Inescapable Jesus

**Wednesdays / March 8 - April 5**  
**6:30pm / Study & Renewal Center**

**OR**

**Sundays / March 12 - April 9**  
**9:30am / Chapel In The Sky**  
**10:45am / Study & Renewal Center**

*Get plugged in! Contact Mona Petersen  
Director, Adult Christian Education and Small Groups  
(954) 598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc*



**11 AM**

**March 5, 2017**

**First Sunday in Lent**

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** "Fanfare and Chorale on *Hanover*" SUSAN DODD,  
– Michael Burkhardt organ

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

Leader: Jesus said: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."  
That means that God is always seeking us.

**All: We are the objects of God's search, but as persons we have the choice to make, to accept or reject God.**

Leader: God has taken the initiative;  
God did come to us in Jesus Christ,  
to show us what God is like.

**All: We are here to make clear our response to God,  
and to accept our responsibility as children of God.  
We are here to confess anew our faith in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Let us all now worship God.

**\*HYMN 477** "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" HANOVER

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Merciful God, You love us even when we fail to accept Your love. You care for us even when we fail to care for ourselves, and You forgive us even when we do not deserve it. We admit we do not express our gratitude to You for all You have given to us, and for all You have done for us. We admit we find it difficult to appreciate the needs of others and often neglect to show Your love to them. We acknowledge that You have no reason to forgive us, but humbly we ask once again for Your mercy and forgiveness. Through Christ, grant us once again your forgiveness. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God's forgiveness comes because God loves us. The scriptures tell us: "This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent His son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven."  
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: We do believe that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven,  
thanks be to God.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

Surely it is God who saves me,  
I shall trust in Him and not be afraid;  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and He will be my Savior.

**ANTHEM** "Give Me Oil in My Lamp" CHAPEL SINGERS  
– arr. Joseph M. Martin

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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 com-  
munion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the  
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**ANTHEM** "Eternal Life" (Prayer of St. Francis) CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Olive Dungan

**PASTORAL PRAYER** NIC MERCHANT

**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** "Jubilate Deo" (Psalm 100) KIRK SINGERS  
– Emily Crocker

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 11: 15-24 N.T. PAGE 47  
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)

**SERMON** "What happens when we pray?" REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN 403** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Toccatà on Hanover" SUSAN DODD, organ  
– Michael Burkhardt

**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.

**THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:**

Robert Doddridge, Jr. and family on the death of his wife, Frances Susan Doddridge, on February 25, 2017. A celebration of Frances' life was held on March 3, 2017 in our Sanctuary.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

Dottie Anderson – University of Miami Hospital

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** are in loving memory of "Muzzy"

Marguerite Hall, given by her daughter, Johnnet Grimm, and her grandson, Johnathan Tate.

**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*, Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*

**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: 9:15 am – 11 am in the St. Andrew's Room**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Christian Education Update**

Sunday 9:30am Adult Christian Education study "The Parables of Jesus" and the 9:30am and 10:45am study "Galatians for Everyone" will resume after Easter to facilitate participation in the church-wide Lenten Bible Study "Who Is This Man?". Please see the back of the bulletin for more information.

**Our annual Peace River canoe trip is set!**

Paperwork and Payment are due TODAY! For more info, contact Youth Staff at [TheHarbor@firstpres.cc](mailto:TheHarbor@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9361.

**Friends of Women of Faith**

Tuesday, March 7 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: [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9312.

**Grief Support Group: Wednesdays, 4:30pm in the Spanish Room**

Facilitated by Tim Dobbins.

**Wednesday Night Live! March 8, 2017 at 6pm**

Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast • \$8 Teens/Adults, \$4 six – twelve yrs, 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. Remember to RSVP for WNL! dinners by noon Monday – if for some reason you are unable to attend, please let Mona know. Also, fish is always an option to the main menu. You may choose fish in your rsvp (connect card, sign-up clipboard, phone call, email, etc). If you do choose fish, we ask that you stay with your choice or let us know that you'd like to change before Wednesday. Thank you so much for participating in the great time of fellowship, food and friends! To RSVP and to find out how to get plugged in as a food serving volunteer, contact Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 / [MonaP@firstpres.cc](mailto:MonaP@firstpres.cc).

**Christian Women Connect Bible Study on Thursday, March 9**

9:45 – 11:15am in the Study and Renewal Center Join us as **Rick Warren** helps us discover the answer to life's most fundamental question: "**What on earth am I here for?**" This is the official study companion for *The Purpose Driven Life* and will be a 6 week DVD study. For information: [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9312.

**AAC (Senior Adult Ministry): Square Dancing with Jack Lewis**

Thursday, March 9, 11:15am in Fellowship Hall We are excited to have with us world renowned Square Dancing Caller, Jack Lewis and guests all the way from Boynton Beach. They will be performing their Square Dancing routines for us and we will also have the chance to join them. Chef Kevin is serving Stuffed Chicken Breast. Cost: \$9, RSVP: [TriciaY@firstpres.cc](mailto:TriciaY@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9344.

**SPRING FORWARD!** Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12!

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!