

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, April 27, 9:45 - 11am 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 week: Lorie Moran will facilitate our closing session *You Were Made for a Mission*.**
For information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.
Sign up for your May 4 First Thursday Boxed Lunch, Club Sandwich, \$8

**AAC (Senior Adult Ministry) Thursday, April 27, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall
Bob Crosby, Storytelling, Jokes and FUN**

Bob Crosby, who you know as our Ballroom Dancing instructor, is also a retired high school teacher who wrote, *It Happened in School*. He is joining us to share a few stories from his book as well as some jokes, poems and maybe even a song or two for a fun time. Bob is a wonderful entertainer and storyteller so get ready for a fabulous day! Chef Kevin is serving American Shepherd Pie. Cost is \$9. RSVP to TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.

Check Out Our 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!

Birthday Club Update
as of today

- Number of families participating in the Birthday Club – **84**
- Giving to date to the Birthday Club – **\$6,975**
- Your contributions help support our Youth Ministry...
- **Are YOU a member?!**



**First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale
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Class of 2017: Christina Akers, Barbara Keith, Martha McKnight, Beth Moore, Jim Sabin, Patty Stover, Karen Woods

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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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11 AM

**April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter**

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 "Then Will The Very Rocks Cry Out" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. Mark Hayes

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

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

All: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

from Psalm 100: 1-5

***HYMN 104** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

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

O Holy God, You have welcomed us to be Your people, a people of special purpose and of a high calling. Forgive our spiritual immaturity, we pray, when we settle for what we have already become and fail to press on for what we are called to be. It is too easy to be so wrapped up in ourselves that we become reluctant to respond to Your call for service to a higher purpose than we have accepted at this point in our lives. Build in us such a grateful spirit that values the worth of the people You call us to become, that loves You with all that we are, and that is free to truly love our neighbor as we would ourselves. We call Jesus our Lord and Master and so we pray this prayer together in His name. 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:
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

COMMISSIONING OF THE PILGRIMAGE STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS

ANTHEM "He Is Exalted" KIRK SINGERS
– Twila Paris
"Praise His Holy Name"
– Keith Hampton

*APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER NICHOLAS MERCHANT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19 – 31 N.T. PAGE 114
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 "Commissioned to Serve" REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON

***HYMN 399** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Psalm 19" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Benedetto Marcello
"The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

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.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek,
Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Richard B. Anderson, Parish Associate,
Nicholas Merchant, Director of Youth Ministry

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

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: April 30, May 7, May 14

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:
Michelle and John Pidgeon – call pager number 954-823-0115
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. If you would like to be a prayer warrior and pray for our church family and their needs, please let Tricia Young (TriciaY@firstpres.cc) know and you will be added to receive the weekly prayer letter.

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

Membership:

First Step: Learn more & discover ways to connect at First Pres TODAY at 10:15 – 11am in the Spanish Room, S-115 (1st floor of the church building, adjacent to the kitchenette)

Come when you can, leave when you must!

Next Step: Become a member of our First Pres family TODAY at 10:30am (for approximately 30 minutes) in the Bininger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostle hallway).

Ballroom dancing resumes tomorrow, April 24.

Pebbles of Faith Evening Women's Bible Study: *Battlefield Of The Mind*

Tuesday April 25 at 6pm, potluck dinner with study and discussion to follow. Held in Room NC 219. For more information contact Kim White: west_kim@bellsouth.net.

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

Facilitated by Tim Dobbins.

Wednesday Night Live! on April 26, 5pm-6:30pm

Menu: American Shepherd Pie • \$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. 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.

New Bible study for Wednesday mornings!

Every 2nd Wednesday at 9:15am, Room NC-227 (Second floor of the Neumann Center, at the end of the hallway)
"Mom Core" - Moms play many roles. They have to be experts in just about everything. It's a lot of pressure. We all struggle with being content and not playing the comparison game. Learn how to find contentment in whatever season you are in as a mom! For more information contact Nikki Diefenbach: jennifer.diefenbach@gmail.com.