

Grief Support Group: Wednesdays, 4:30pm in the Spanish Room
Facilitated by Tim Dobbins.

The Labyrinth, A Holy Walk

To walk the Labyrinth is to touch God and let God touch us. We hope you will join us on Wednesday and Thursday (April 12 and 13) of Holy week anytime between 2pm and 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. This ministry is led by the Deacons. Please let Kathy Henderson know if you are available to help serve on this ministry team during any of these times. Kathy's cell: 954-895-7814.

Good Friday Lunch

Friday April 14 after Good Friday noon service. Soup and sandwiches, \$5 per person, kids under 6 are free. No RSVP needed.

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.

Membership:

First Step: Learn more & discover ways to connect at First Pres Sunday, April 23, 2017, 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 12pm for approximately 30 minutes. Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostle hallway) Contact Debra Smith at 954-598-9313 / DebraS@firstpres.cc.

All Church Easter Egg Hunt "Eggstravaganza"!!!

Saturday, April 15, 12pm–2pm
If you would like to help in some way with this event, please use the Connect Card to sign up. Opportunities are available prior to the event, at the event, or by donating 2 dozen filled eggs by 4/7 (no chocolate or nuts, please) Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

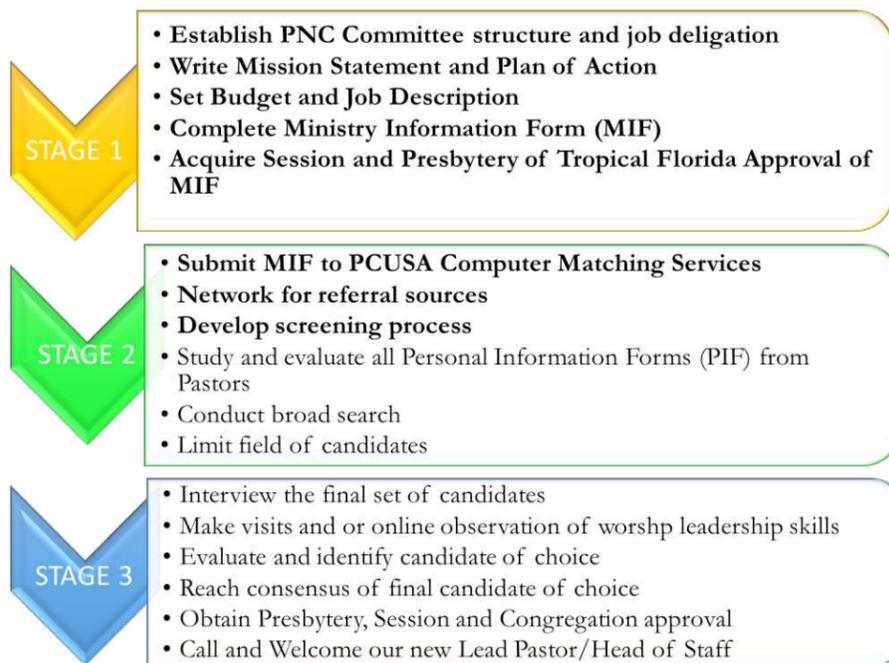
Help is Needed for Easter Sunday!

We are looking for volunteers to help us set up the chairs for Easter Sunday's 8am Worship service in Colee Hammock Park. We need a few able-bodied folks to set up and breakdown 1,000 chairs. We'll meet in the park at 6am and set up of chairs should take about an hour. After worship, we will break down and stack the chairs for pick up. If you are able to help, please call Dave Sestrich at 954-598-9348.

Creative marketing/advertising people opportunity!

Your Membership Committee is recruiting members whose gifts are in these areas. If that's you, we will appreciate your help and expertise as we share the joy of joining our church with our community. Please contact Eric Johnson at 954-830-7773.

3 STAGES OF PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

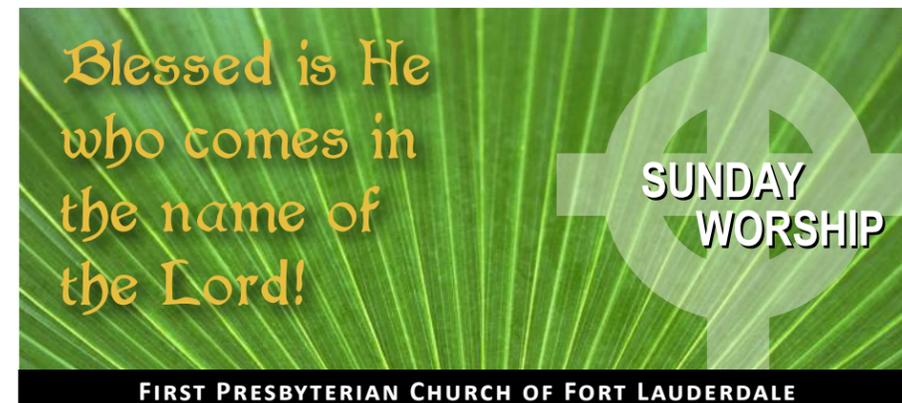


Please note: Areas completed by PNC are in **BOLD. As we progress, we will update all activity.*

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation on August 21, 2016 and began meeting on September 18, 2016. Since then we have been meeting weekly to pray together that God will direct us through his will to find the next Lead Pastor and Head of Staff for First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale. We have read and studied several books together, met with our Temporary Supply Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bob Bohl, met with our Presbytery of Tropical Florida liaison and are close to finishing our work on the Ministry Information Form (MIF). We want to keep you posted in this process and like all of you the PNC members are excited about the prospect of calling a new pastor and anxious to do the very best job possible. The PNC has a 3-stage process and we will attempt to communicate and update our progress monthly. A summary of the 3 stages: 1) Establish our requirements for the position of Senior Pastor 2) Conduct a broad and thorough search, screening the responses to a final set of candidates 3) Evaluate the candidates and make a selection.

At this point we are well into Stage 2 as you can see from the diagram above. We appreciate your continued prayers and are interested in your input. Please feel free to reach out to any of the persons below with comments or referrals of potential candidates.

- Jim Sabin, Chair
- Paul Greenman, Vice-Chair
- Kay Lani Atkinson, Sarah Delnegri, Nikki Diefenbach, Pamela Hickson, Robert Jackson, Kathy Mayers, Matt Moore, John Ripley, Steve Stimpson



11 AM

April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday

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 "The Palms" **ORGAN**
– J. B. Faure

CHORAL INTROIT "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" **CALVIN AND CAROLER CHOIRS**
– Vicki Wright **GRETCHEN FASULO, conductor**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT**

Leader: In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me.

All: Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: I trust You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

All: Let Your face shine upon Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love.

Leader: Let us worship God! *Psalm 31*

***HYMN 151** "Crown Him With Many Crowns" **DIADEMATA**

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

O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe in Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust in Him when He calls us to bear abuse on His behalf and show more compassion towards others for whom pain is more constant.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SOLO "Come, Be Baptized" RAGAN JACATY, *soloist*
– G. Alan Smith

***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 REV. DR. RICHARD B. ANDERSON

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 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ORGAN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 O.T. PAGE 565

Matthew 21: 1-11 N.T. PAGE 23

Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device.

To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fpcgquest (case sensitive)

SERMON REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

"Careful what you Hosanna for..."

ANTHEM KIRK SINGERS

"The Passion of our Lord according to St. John" (Part I) (*John 18: 1-11*)

– Randall DeBruyn

Nathan Mahon, *soloist*; Wesley Mahon, *narration*

(at the conclusion of the music, the congregation will please stand and sing our closing hymn as printed below)

***HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

1. O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to Thee.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Toccatà (Suite pour orgue)" SUSAN DODD, *organ*
– Denis Bedard

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS BEING ADMINISTERED TO

Mia Taylor Burns, born on January 17, 2017, daughter of Courtney and Jeff Burns, sibling of Kaylee and Reagan, granddaughter of Debbie and Brad Cantwell, Maribeth and Les Burns, great-granddaughter of Margaret and Don Wiederecht, Jean Cantwell, and Sonny Enns; and to

Dax Bradley Hicks, born on November 10, 2016, son of Amy and Ian Hicks, grandson of Debbie and Craig Berry, John and Rebecca Hicks, Suzie Hicks and Eric Wiborg, great-grandson of Jim Berry, David and Lenice Hicks.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Pat Helland, Sandi and Buddy Helland and families on the death of daughter and sister, Patricia Lee Bell, on March 28, 2017. A celebration of Patricia's life was held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at her residence; and to Robin Cross and family on the death of Andrew Michael Mackler on April 2, 2017. A celebration of Andrew's life will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

THANK YOU to Steven Meade of Natural Art & Landscape Design. Inc. for providing the beautiful palms for our Palm Sunday Services.

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

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

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: April 23, April 30, May 7

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. 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!

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

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

Sunday, April 23

Do you want to participate, but don't play golf or tennis? Join us for the social hour at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Your cost is only \$30 per person. You can even sign up with your friends and reserve a table for eight. After dinner we will hold a raffle and silent auction. All proceeds from both events will benefit our Missions Outreach programs in the community. Contact George or Sally Farquhar for complete details at 954-577-7762 or gafarquhar@aol.com. **Deadline for registration is NEXT Monday, April 17.**

WNL! Dinner and all programs will be suspended on Wednesday April 12 in observance of Holy Week. Dinner and programming will resume April 19.

Ballroom dancing will not meet Monday April 17, and will resume on April 24.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study will not meet on Thursday, April 13 due to Holy Week. We will see you on April 20!

No AAC on Thursday, April 13. We will resume our program on April 20.

Join us for our Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:30pm with Communion and Dramatization of DaVinci's "The Last Supper" in the Sanctuary.