

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICES and HAPPYLAND will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 17. Happy Easter!

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 TOMORROW.**

Wednesday Night Live! resumes on April 19, 2017 at 6pm

Menu: Eggplant Parmesan. • \$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.

Ballroom dancing resumes on Monday, April 24.

AAC (Senior Adult Ministry) Thursday, April 20, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall
Mary Kay Wagner: Who You Are Makes a Difference

Mary Kay has a message for you, a message to inspire you to know “who you are makes a difference.” Chef Kevin is serving Eggplant Parmesan. Cost is \$9. RSVP to TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, April 20, 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: Gail Auguston-Koppen will facilitate *You Were Shaped to Serve God*. For information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.

Sign up for your May 4 First Thursday Boxed Lunch, Club Sandwich, \$8

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

Facilitated by Tim Dobbins.

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.

Lenten Bible study “Who Is This Man?” has concluded.

All studies and studies and small groups will resume on Wednesday 4/19 and Sunday 4/23.

Membership:

First Step: Learn more & discover ways to connect at First Pres NEXT 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 NEXT Sunday, April 23, 2017, at 10:30am 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.



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.



WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE

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9:30 & 11 AM

**Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017**

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

“Solemn Entry”
— Richard Strauss

BRASS, TIMPANI,
and ORGAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

TIMOTHY DOBBINS (9:30 am)

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK (11 am)

Leader: Let us worship God, remembering that Christ has died, Christ has been raised from the dead, and Christ will come again to receive us to Himself to share eternity with God.

People: This is Easter morning; let us joyfully worship God.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

***HYMN 123**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE (in unison)**

Almighty God, by Your power You have raised Your Son, Jesus Christ, from death to eternal life. We know He now lives with You in the holiest of places, the Kingdom of Heaven. Gracious God, You have given to the Risen Christ dominion and power over all things, to rule the world with Your eternal love. Grant to each one of us the courage and the wisdom, to believe that because of His resurrection, we also by faith in this Risen Lord, will be granted life beyond our death. On this Easter Day, we offer to you our praise and thanksgiving for Your Love for each one of us. We offer our prayer to You, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Together let us ask God to forgive us.

All: Merciful God, in raising Jesus from death to life, You have destroyed the power of death, and You have made possible eternal life for each one of us. Forgive both our doubts and fears. Forgive our pride which denies You, and our self-centeredness which refuses to admit our need for You. Forgive our unkind words, our unsympathetic hearts, our false ambitions, and all our unworthy purposes to which we have devoted our lives. In mercy, forgive us and through the risen Christ, help us to be totally committed to being Your faithful people. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, remember: "God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

All: This is God's good news for us, and we do believe that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven for our past failures.

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIMOTHY DOBBINS (9:30 am)
REV. DR. RICHARD ANDERSON (11 am)

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

"Petition of Praise" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
— Joseph M. Martin

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 118**

"The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE
(Stanzas 1 & 3)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20: 1-18 N.T. PAGE 114
Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. The password is fp_guest. Logins are case sensitive.

SERMON

REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL
"On How to Believe in the Easter News"

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (in unison)**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and He appeared to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end: He is our Lord and our God.

***ANTHEM**

"Hallelujah" (from *Messiah*) CATHEDRAL CHOIR
— G.F. Handel

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur Dialogue" BRASS, ORGAN,
— Eugene Gigout AND TIMPANI
arr. Harold E. Pysher



WELCOME GUESTS!

- 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 regular Sunday School schedule resumes next Sunday, April 23:**
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.

WE WISH TO THANK our instrumentalists for their participation in our worship services this morning: Aaron Norlund and Ansel Norris, trumpets; Anthony McFarlane and Jason Pyle, trombones; Albert Leonardis, percussion.

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. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Richard B. Anderson, *Parish Associate*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*

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

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO: Friends and family of Andrew Michael Mackler. A celebration of his life will be held in our Sanctuary, Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 11am.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of Harvey T. and Christy Reid, by Christy's sister, Esther Kupjack, and her family.

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.

BREAKFAST WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23