

ACE / Small Groups Summer Program

Summer is just around the corner! The Adult Christian Education and Small Group ministries continues the tradition of Summer programming, including Wednesday evening dinners, movie nights, game nights, service opportunities (clothing drive, love bags for the homeless, etc) and more! Please join our volunteer team to share your talents – contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc. (Our Summer session begins June 7 and concludes August 23. The Fall Session resumes on August 30.)



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
Concludes May 31, 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)
Concludes May 31, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL CARE OFFERINGS

Grief Support Small Group

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

Divorce Care

Will resume August 9th, 2017
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Spanish Room
Contact Tricia Young (954) 598-9344/TriciaY@firstpres.cc

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Thessalonians for Everyone

Sundays at 9:30am
Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw
Room NC-216

Galatians for Everyone

Sundays at 10:45am
Facilitated by Mona Petersen
Room NC - 216

Questions Asked by Jesus

Facilitated by Herb Clark and Paige Brody
Sundays at 9:30am
Chapel in the Sky (3rd floor / Neumann Center)
3 week study beginning May 28

Bible 101: "Enrich Your Relationship With God" has concluded and will resume January 2018
Facilitated by Patty Stover

The Parables of Jesus has concluded

The Seven Last "Words" of Paul has concluded

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Mom Core

Second Wednesdays of the month
Facilitated by Nikki Diefenbach
9:15am
Room NC-227

TUESDAY AM / PM

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:45am
NC - 202 / Neumann Center Library

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
"CHOOSE JOY" by Kay Warren
(second half of our Spring with the Warrens)
Study Guide: \$8
Contact (954) 598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc
9:45am / Fellowship time
10:00am / Study and discussion begin
Study & Renewal Center

Men's Bible Study & Lunch

Facilitated by Eric Johnson
Thursdays at 12:00pm/noon
NC-202 / Neumann Center Library

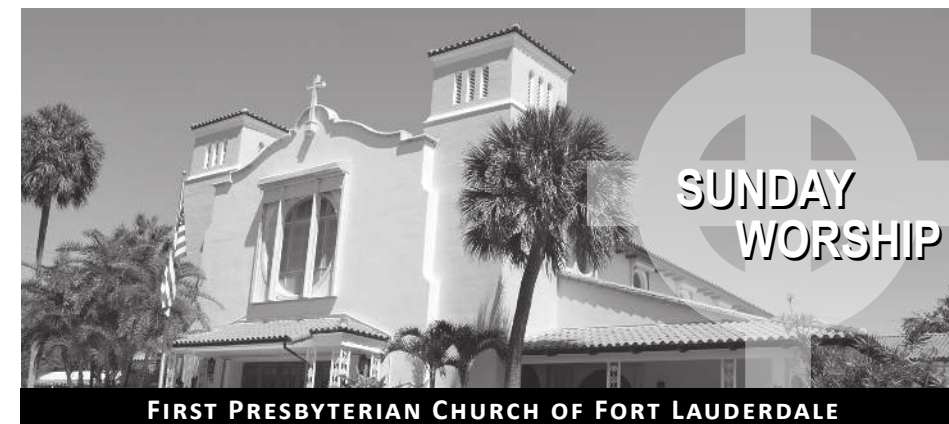
SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY: 1 & 2 Timothy

The Books of 1 & 2 Timothy

These books might be called "the Teacher's Manual", as these studies from Paul point us in the right direction.
Get plugged in to a small group Bible study. Choose from a variety of days and times.

To get plugged in and find out more contact:

Mona Petersen, Director Adult Christian Education & Small Groups
(954) 598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

May 21, 2017

Sixth 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

"Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise"
– arr. Eric Thiman

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

Leader: Look for God in this place.

All: We search for God's love and peace.

Leader: It is here, given for you out of God's absolute love for you.

**All: Lord, help us receive that love
and then to bring it to others.**

Leader: Peace be to you all.

All: And also to you. Amen.

*HYMN 376 "Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(omit stanza 3)

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice Your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of You upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see You abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor Your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to Your presence, God of love, that we may lean on You— for You uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.
(Acts 17, John 14)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When Jesus left the disciples, He gave us a promise: "I will not leave you orphaned!" For we, His disciples, live in Him and He in us—the presence of God within and around all. What a promise! Take courage! Take comfort! Thanks be to God!
(Acts 17, Psalm 66, John 14)

We would like to recognize and congratulate the following 5th graders as they embark on their journey into Middle School...

Johnathan Hess

Thyatira Hill

Alec Ingram

Mackenzie Kurtz

Kaylee Leuchs

Kaleigh Martin

Rupert McAndless

Evelyn McCawley

Avery Miller

Palmer Miller

Lillian Phillips

Hadley Robertson

Delaney Robertson

Ava Smith

Natalie Stratmann

Stephen Tate

Ryan Wunsch

Congratulations!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

ANTHEM "They'll Know We Are Christians" KIRK SINGERS
– arr. Lloyd Larson

***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.

ANTHEM "Spirit of God" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– John Carter

PASTORAL PRAYER MONA PETERSEN

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 "Open My Eyes/Amazing Grace" KIRK SINGERS
–McGrath/MacAller KORRION DRAKEWOOD, *soloist*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21 N.T. PAGE 109
*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 "How much do you like change?" NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

***HYMN 386** "O For a World" AZMON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" MICHAEL SAYERS, *organ*
– Andre Campra

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: Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Mona Petersen, *Director of Adult Christian Education Ministry and Small Groups*

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

THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL is in honor of the birth of Connor Sullivan Holt, born on May 11, 2017, son of Corrie and Tyler Holt.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in honor of Sue Botkin's 85th birthday by her family.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.
Available dates: May 28, June 11, June 18

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Betty McNaull – Holy Cross Hospital

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:

- Patti Mitchell – call pager number 954-823-0114
- Michelle and John Pidgeon – call pager number 954-823-0115
- Heather Schaeffer – call pager number 954-823-0119
- 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

Membership

First Step: Learn more & discover ways to connect at First Pres on Sunday, May 28 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!

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family on Sunday, May 28 at 10:30am (for approximately 30 minutes) in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

Camp Registration Has Begun!

Cheer Camp: June 12-19 and **Hip Hop Dance Camp:** June 19-23
Full day: 9am–3pm • Ages 6-12 • Registration forms are now available on our website for this awesome summer program! Registration deadline: 6/5. For more information, please contact: Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or email:Cindyv@firstpres.cc.

Wednesday Night Live! on May 24, 5pm-6:30pm

Menu: Chicken Francaise • \$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.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, May 25, 9:45 - 11am in the Study and Renewal Center
Join us for our closing session of: *Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough* by Kay Warren. Kay will empower us that joy is within our grasp every day! **This week: Mona Petersen will facilitate *Joy is a Choice of My Behavior*.** Study Guides: \$8. For information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.

AAC (Senior Adult Ministry) Thursday, May 25, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall

Happyland Day School, End of School Year Performance
Join us at our final program for the season. The kids are getting ready for their big performance for their parents and they are excited to have a dress rehearsal for AAC first. Chef Kevin is serving Chicken Francaise. Cost is \$9. RSVP to TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.