

**First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale  
Church Officers**

**Deacons**

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

**Class of 2018:** Connie Betz, Kathy Henderson, Susie Knapp, Susana Pockock, Sandy Steffen, Shari Vordermeier

**Class of 2019:** Mary Lou Bowman, Linda Greenman, Virginia McCormick, Bradford Sanders, Carol Shannon, Diane Wilcox

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**Class of 2019:** D. Ross Bridger, William B. "Bill" Condon, Warren Craven, Carol Ripley, Mary Ellen Rosen, Holly Strawbridge, Stephen "Steve" Tilbrook

**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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*Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther*

Words by Tom S. Long  
Music by Allen Pote

Susan Dodd, Accompanist  
Al Leonardis, Percussion

**Directed by Gretchen Fasulo**

**Crisis in the Palace**

Soloists: Athena Petropoulos,  
Amelie De Regel

**Chant I**

**Beauty Secrets**

Soloists: Evelyn McCawley,  
Lexi Bennett, Lilly Gonzalez,  
Sabrina Navarra

**Stand Up**

Soloists: Ava Rose Smith,  
Jake DelNegri,  
Brooke Whiteman

**Chant II**

**Wings of the Dawn**

Soloist: Evelyn McCawley

**Chant III**

**It Would Take A Miracle**

Soloist: Logan Green

**This Is The Day**

Soloist: Evelyn McCawley

**Chant IV**

**A Simple Prayer**

Soloist: Lucy Fasulo

**God Is Our God**

**Characters:**

**Esther:** Evelyn McCawley    **Mordecai:** Ava Rose Smith  
**King:** Kaylee Leuchs    **Haman:** Logan Green

**Caroler Choir**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
Kaylee Leuchs  
Evelyn McCawley  
Ava Rose Smith

4<sup>th</sup> Grade:  
Logan Green  
Brooke Whiteman

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:  
Lexi Bennett  
Amelie De Regel  
Jackson D'Onofrio  
Jake DelNegri  
Lucy Fasulo  
Lilly Gonzalez  
Lilly Koch  
Sabrina Navarra  
Athena Petropoulos

**Calvin Choir**

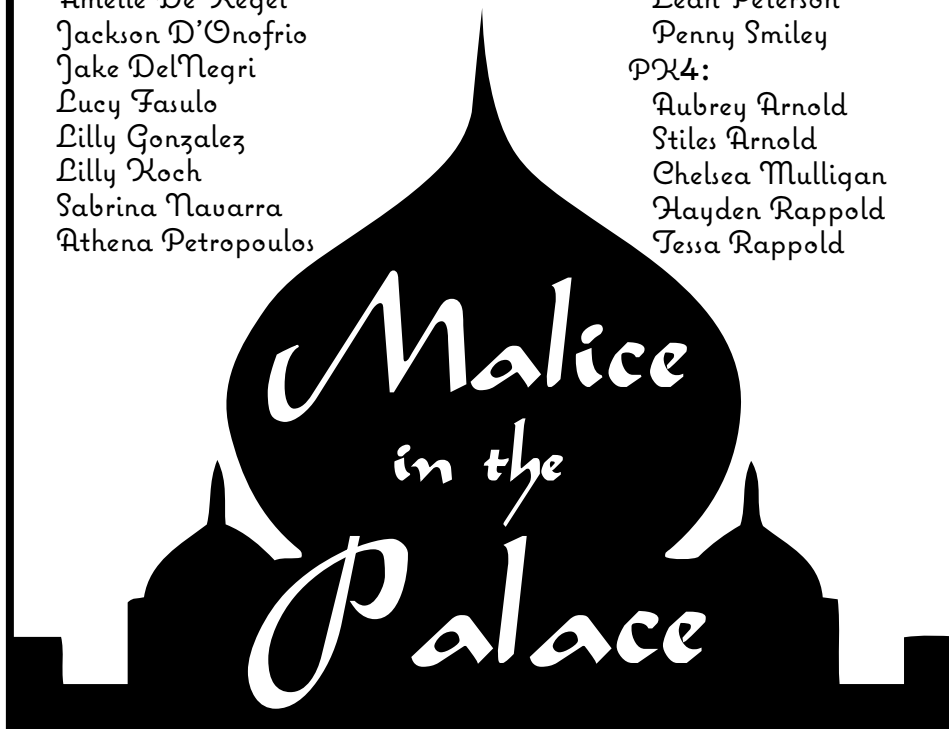
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:  
Violette Bennett  
Jack Benson  
Brooklyn Howard  
Valentina Navarra  
Ellie Smiley  
Charlie Whiteman

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:  
Holt Fasulo

**Cherub Choir**

Kindergarten:  
Harper Bennett  
Ellie Benson  
Joseph Bradley  
Sydney Bragunier  
Jamie James  
Annabelle Newson  
Zella Owen  
Caleb Peterson  
Leah Peterson  
Penny Smiley

PX4:  
Aubrey Arnold  
Stiles Arnold  
Chelsea Mulligan  
Hayden Rappold  
Tessa Rappold



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**9:30 AM**

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**May 7, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to worship at First Pres. We are happy to have you with us this morning. It is completely appropriate to dress casually for this service, if you wish. The nursery is available for children 3 and younger, if you choose, but we would also love to have your children worship with us.

*Welcome and Announcements*

*\* Worship*

*Scripture Readings*

*Esther 4:12-17*

*Sermon*

*"The Cost of Remaining Silent"*

*Nicholas Merchant*

*Children's Musical Presentation*

*Offering*

*\* Worship*

*\* Benediction*

*\*please stand if you are able*

Online giving is available by going to [www.firstpres.cc](http://www.firstpres.cc), clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

**Preacher:** Nicholas Merchant

**Worship Team:** Erin Acton, Emily Grossutti, Ragan Jacaty, Al Leonardis, Nicholas Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young

**Projection Imagery:** Amy Merchant

**Sound, Lights, Video:** Evan Barber

*This week's music*

"Made Alive" – Citizens and Saints

"Rhythms of Grace" – Hillsong

"God With Us" —All Sons and Daughters

"What Joy (Psalm 146)" – Sarah Emerson

"Head to the Heart" – United Pursuit

#### WELCOME GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us in worship in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship!
- First Presbyterian is also the home of Happyland Day School, a quality preschool for over sixty years. For more info, call 954-463-6051.
- For families with young children: the nursery is located in the Neumann Center (Room NC 120).
- 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-120 (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:

Fran Custer and family on the death of her husband, John E. Custer, on April 29, 2017. A celebration of John's life was held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at Fred Hunter Funeral Home; and

The family and friends of Mary Dickens who died on May 2, 2017.

#### HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Joyce Green – Broward General

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

**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:

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

#### 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!

**MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER COMMITTEE** will be in the back left corner of Fellowship Hall and available for prayers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Golf Tournament TODAY

The social hour and dinner were a wonderful success, but as you know the Golf Tournament was rained out. It has been rescheduled for **TODAY at 2pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks, George and Sally Farquhar

#### Ballroom Dancing Prom

Monday, May 8 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall for both intermediate and beginners.

#### Attention High School Seniors, College Graduates and Professional/ Graduate School Grads!!

Graduate Sunday is just around the corner. We are working on the Graduate Sunday program and need the following information from you:

- Name of High School, College or Professional/Graduate School
  - High School Graduates: We need your senior picture, name of your high school, name of the college you will be attending and what term (i.e., summer, fall)
  - College/Grad school graduates: Name & type of degree you received
- Graduate Sunday is June 4, so please have this information along with your picture, to the youth office no later than **Wednesday, May 17** in order to have it in time for the church bulletin. Contact Nic if you have any questions at [NicM@FirstPres.cc](mailto:NicM@FirstPres.cc) or 954-598-9361.

#### Tea and Table Talk

Tuesday, May 9 at 2 pm, Study and Renewal Center  
Women of all ages are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of companionship, A FUN TEA PARTY, and discussions of many varied subjects, holidays, and memories. For more information: Contact Petey Buchholz at 954-566-1744.

#### Wednesday Night Live! on May 10, 5pm-6:30pm

Menu: Baked Lasagna • \$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](mailto:MonaP@firstpres.cc).

#### New Bible study for Wednesday mornings!

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jennifer.diefenbach@gmail.com).

#### Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, May 11, 9:45 - 11am in the Study and Renewal Center  
Join us for a 4 week study, Kay Warren - Choose Joy: Because Happiness Isn't Enough. Kay will empower women that joy is within their grasp-everyday! **This week: Phyllis Thomas will facilitate *Joy is a Conviction of My Mind***. For information: [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9312.

#### AAC (Senior Adult Ministry) Thursday, May 11, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall Music by Eric Werse

Come join us as Eric plays his guitar and sings for us all his and your favorites. If you have been on the Jungle Queen cruise in the last 30 years you may recognize him when he comes. Chef Kevin is serving Lasagna. Cost is \$9. RSVP to [TriciaY@firstpres.cc](mailto:TriciaY@firstpres.cc) or 954-598-9344.

#### Membership:

**New Member Orientation:** Become a member of our First Pres family NEXT Sunday, May 14 at 12pm (for approximately 30 minutes) in the Spanish Room, S-115 (1st floor of the church building, adjacent to the kitchenette).

**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!**

#### Camp Registration Has Begun!

**Cheer Camp:** June 12-19 and new this year

**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](mailto:CindyV@firstpres.cc).

#### Young Adult and College Mission Trip to Guatemala

July 9 – 15, 2017

A non-refundable \$100 deposit is needed ASAP to reserve your space. Use PushPay for convenience. Please label your payment as "Guatemala Mission Trip". Contact [SimeonR@firstpres.cc](mailto:SimeonR@firstpres.cc) for more info.

*Will you heed the call to serve?*