

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

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family on Sunday, July 9, **immediately following the Congregational Meeting** in the Bininger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

First Step: Learn more & discover ways to connect at First Pres on Sunday, July 23 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!

Churchwide Beach Night

Kids of all ages from preschoolers to college youth, their families and anyone else is invited to enjoy a cookout, our beautiful summer evenings, and great Christian fellowship. Wear your swim suits, bring a towel, and invite the whole family. Join us next Sunday, July 9 from 6-8 pm next to the old Yankee Clipper, right by the volleyball courts. We will serve all you can eat hamburgers, hotdogs, and sodas. If you would like to bring something here is our suggestion: If your last name begins with A-H: salad, I-P: side, Q-Z, dessert. Put these other Family Beach Night dates on your calendar: 7/23, 8/13. See you there!"

Call for Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for NEXT Sunday at the conclusion of the 11am worship service for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Designated Term (APNCDT) and to approve minor amendments to the Bylaws. All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

REMINDER: NO Christian Women Connect Bible Study this week

Join us on Thursday, July 13 at 10am in the Study and Renewal Center for *Purpose Discussions - Digging Deeper with Rick Warren*. The topic will be *Ministry: You Were Shaped to Serve God*. For information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312

Caregiver Support Group!

Do you help or assist a loved one who needs care? Caregivers often experience feelings of fear, concern, and stress. Fortunately, there is hope and help. First Pres Church is hosting a Caregiver Support Group every first Wednesday of each month in the Study and Renewal Center from 11am to 12:30pm. We will have our next meeting on Wednesday, July 5. For more questions, please contact Tricia Young at 954-598-9344.

Sign up for AAC's Summer Lunch Bunch: July 6 – The Mason Jar

We meet once a month on Thursdays! Meet at the restaurant at 11:30am (3000 N. Federal Hwy) Join us, this will be a fun day! RSVP: TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.

555 this Thursday!!!

Please join us at 5:55pm this Thursday, July 6. We will be gathering at Flip Flops Dockside Eatery. They are located just off A1A and Oakland Park Blvd (next to Shooters). This is open to everyone, single/married, men/women, all ages, church member or not. This is a great time to come and socialize with old friends and meet new ones. It's also a great opportunity to bring a friend, family member, or co-worker. There is absolutely no agenda, just come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. And if you want, you can stay for dinner afterwards. Please let us know if you have any questions. Contact Cindy Vason: CindyV@firstpres.cc
Thanks and hope to see you there!!

Sign ups have begun! Hero Central Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 9am – 12pm • Ages PreK 4-5th grade
9am – 3pm Full-day option available for kids 1st-5th grade. For more details contact Cindy Vason 954-598-9341 or visit our website www.firstpres.cc.

Heroes are needed before, during and after!!!

Please sign up on the Connect Card and indicate where you would like to help volunteer! Area(s) of interest: Teacher~ Snack~ Crafts~ Recreation/Games~ Bible Story time~Music~Decorating

Save the date for our VBS pre-prep workshop to help us get ready!!

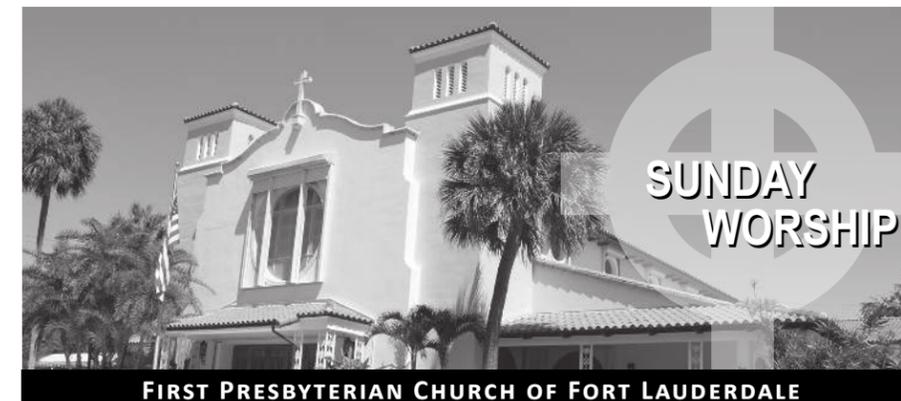
Saturday, July 15 10am-2pm

Join us for fellowship dinners on Wednesday evenings during summer!

5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Summer dinner menu for July 5: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free. RSVP and volunteer to help serve food by noon Monday to Mona Petersen at MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345.

Summer Movie Nights: Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month after our summer dinners. The next movie night will be July 12: *God's Not Dead 2*. Save room for popcorn! Please RSVP each week for child care to Cindy Vason: 954-598-9341 / CindyV@firstpres.cc.

Adult Christian Education and Small Groups Ministry are hosting a mission service opportunity to benefit Habitat for Humanity. We will be accepting donations of laundry detergent, dryer softener sheets, bleach, cleaning supplies, sponges, rags, etc. These items will be presented to new H4H homeowners to start them off in their new home. You can bring items to donate Wednesday evenings during Summer Dinners from 5pm-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. For more information Contact Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 MonaP@firstpres.cc.



11 AM

July 2, 2017

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (to be read silently by each worshipper)

O God, light of the minds that know You, life of the souls that love You, strength of the thoughts that seek You: Help us so to know You that we may truly love You, so to love You that we may fully serve You, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "America, the Beautiful" ORGAN AND PIANO
– arr. John W. Schaum

INTROIT "God Bless America" ANTHONY ZOELLER, *baritone*
– Irving Berlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

TRICIA YOUNG

Leader: God calls.

All: We respond.

Leader: God calls us to step up in faith.

All: We respond: Lord, here I am.

Leader: Jesus sends.

All: We trust.

Leader: Jesus sends us out to live in faith.

All: We trust that the Lord will provide.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Welcoming God, You open Your arms to everyone, and Your joyful embrace wraps the whole creation into one circle of love. As we come together today, teach us to welcome others as joyfully as You have welcomed us. Open our eyes to see those who are waiting for an invitation and open our hearts to be the welcome You promise them. Now we share such welcome, acclaim Your glory, and sing Your praise, for You have shown us Your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN 561** “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” AMERICA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: We are invited to come before the throne of grace just as we are. So we bring today our struggles and striding. We place before God all those places that have been for us a wilderness – we do all of that knowing we receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Holy God, forgive us when we have missed opportunities to offer welcome. Forgive us when we have been self-focused. Forgive us when we look past those near us. Forgive us when we miss it... Perhaps we did not see the need. Perhaps we did not care enough. May we extend the welcome that we receive through Your Holy Spirit. And may we remember that, in the holy act of welcoming others, we welcome You! In the name of Jesus. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Remember that in baptism we were baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,

All: So that we may no longer be slaves of sin, but be alive to God.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven – we will live that way!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “He is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SOLO “Serenity” ANTHONY ZOELLER, *baritone*
– Charles Ives

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) *from Romans 8*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; For we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, Who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, Nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER NIC MERCHANT

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 SOLO “Oh Freedom” ANTHONY ZOELLER, *baritone*
– Shawn E. Okpedholo

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22: 1-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 40-42

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

To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: [fpcguest](http://fp_guest) (case sensitive)

SERMON “The Lord Provides Rewards” REV. DR. DARIS BULTENA

***HYMN 430** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” DARWALL'S 148TH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Fanfare and March” MICHAEL SAYERS, *organ*
– Henry Purcell

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 Summer Sunday School Schedule:
9:30 am: PreK3-kindergarten will remain with Sunday school in NC 127. Children 1st-5th grade are invited to attend worship with their parents
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 WELCOME the Rev. Dr. Daris Bultena, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, to our pulpit today. With over 25 years of pastoral ministry in the PC(USA), Dr. Bultena came to the Presbytery with a heart for discipleship and a commitment to growing congregations into “vibrant Christ-centered communities of faith.” Prior to moving to South Florida, Daris served congregations in Pennsylvania and Maryland; he is a Princeton Seminary graduate and a native of South Dakota.

WE WELCOME Anthony Zoeller as guest soloist to our worship service this morning. Anthony has sung here both in concerts and worship

services. He was a member of Florida’s Singing Sons Boychoir from 4th grade through Second Generation. Anthony has an undergraduate degree from Florida State, a Masters from New England Conservatory, and a Doctorate in Voice from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Zoeller was the baritone soloist in the “Seven Last Words of Christ” presented by the Cathedral Choir last April.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Howard Neer – Holy Cross Hospital

David Yarborough – Broward General Medical Center

Patti Mitchell – Memorial Regional Hospital

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Daris Bultena, *guest preacher*, Tricia Young, *Director Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries (AAC)*, 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: July 16, July 23, August 6

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

Georgiana Schuldt – call pager number 954-823-0118

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

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| Brett Bass | 7/2 | David Sestrich | 7/5 |
| Art Bengochea | 7/2 | Carter White | 7/5 |
| Greg Celentano | 7/2 | Allison Gilchrest | 7/6 |
| Michael Iannaccone | 7/2 | Andrea Hayes | 7/6 |
| David Merrill | 7/2 | James LaBonte | 7/6 |
| Morgan Sambell | 7/2 | Pam Shorey | 7/6 |
| Charlie Smith | 7/2 | *Alex Thomas | 7/6 |
| Hannah Winterbottom | 7/2 | Mark Thorson | 7/6 |
| Amy Ishoy | 7/3 | Gail Kvittem | 7/7 |
| Katie Ishoy | 7/3 | Lindsey O'Donnell | 7/7 |
| Nick Sakhnovsky | 7/3 | Bob Tatum | 7/7 |
| Jenny Brugman | 7/4 | Bob Wunsch | 7/7 |
| Steve Hyatt | 7/4 | Susan Gallo | 7/8 |
| Tom Nichols | 7/4 | Brian Kahley | 7/8 |
| Mahiza Moore | 7/5 | Hank Watson | 7/8 |
| Katrina Phillips | 7/5 | *Member - Endowment Birthday Club | |

Newest Member of the Endowment Fund Birthday Club January – July:
Robin McEachern 6/25 **Fund total to date: \$9,057**
Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day! The earnings will benefit youth activities. It is a fun way to count the blessings of life! *Simply designate “Birthday Club” on a check or join online at www.firstpres.cc/GIVE and designate in the box marked “Other”.*