

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchwide Beach Night – TONIGHT!

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 **TONIGHT** 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: 7/9, 7/23, 8/13. See you there!"

Call for Congregational Meeting

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, July 9th at the conclusion of the 11 am 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.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Join us on Thursday, June 29 at 10am in the Study and Renewal Center for *Purpose Discussions – Digging Deeper with Rick Warren*. This week's topic will be *Discipleship: You Were Created to Become Like Christ*. For more information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.

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.

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!!

Wednesday, June 28 & Saturday, July 15 10am-2pm

Pebbles of Faith Rock Star

This month's Pebbles of Faith ROCK STAR award goes to Melanie Acton. Melanie took the time to bring an associate to a worship service and then to our First Step Class. Like the pebbles in the water, a small gesture has a rippling effect on those around us. Melanie you are a ROCK STAR!!

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP DINNERS ON ALL WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THROUGH THE SUMMER!

5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Summer dinner menu for June 28: Brisket, \$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.
Movie for 6/28 is *A Dog's Purpose* at 6:15pm in Fellowship Hall following summer dinner night. Please RSVP to Cindy Vason if child care is needed: CindyV@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9341



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Regular WNL! (Wednesday Night Live!) programming will resume August 30th. Make sure to check out our weekly Wednesday Night Summer Dinner and Fellowship activities!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

Questions Asked by Jesus
Sundays at 9:30am
Facilitated by Herb Clark and Paige Brody
Chapel In The Sky
3 week study beginning June 4th

Get plugged in and connected!

Contact Mona Petersen,
Director Adult Christian
Education & Small Groups
954.598.9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Mom Core
2nd and 4th 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
Digging Deeper: Discussions with Rick Warren
June 8 - July 20
In a casual, friendly atmosphere, we will revisit the topics "You Matter to God", "Worship", "Fellowship", "Discipleship", "Ministry" and "Evangelism".
Study & Renewal Center
Contact LauraZ@firstpres.cc / 954.598.9312

Men's Bible Study & Lunch
Facilitated by Eric Johnson
Thursdays at 12:00pm/noon
NC-202 / Neumann Center Library



11 AM

June 25, 2017

Third 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)
Gracious God, we find Your name on our lips, because You have placed Yourself in our hearts. At times we have not always been willing to respond to Your love, preferring to call for Your help, only when we have no one else to turn to. But today, we come here because we truly desire to know Your will for us, so that we may become more faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

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

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PRELUDE "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Johann Walther

***CALL TO WORSHIP** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

Leader: The Psalmist wrote: "The Lord is gracious and slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.

Leader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your faithful shall bless You.

All: You open Your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Leader: He fulfills the desire of all who fear Him, He also hears their cry, and will save them."

All: Let us all now worship the Lord our God. (Psalm 145)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Most gracious and loving God, there is no one like You in all the world. You are perfect, You are eternal, and You are unchangeable. You are full of love and compassion, You are the source of all that is beautiful and true. You alone are the one who created the world, and each one of us, so we come humbly to offer to You our deepest thoughts, (continued on next page)

our greatest concerns, and our quiet worship. Grant us Your grace, and Your presence as we continue our journey toward our eternal home with You. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God.

All: Merciful God, we confess we are often blind to Your presence in our daily living. We confess at times we are angry when others take advantage of us, and when they spitefully use us. We admit that at times we take out our resentments on those who love us. Often, O God, we have done to others what we would not want them to do to us, and above all, we have not always permitted Jesus Christ to be our only Lord and Master. Help us to forgive each other, and in mercy grant us Your forgiveness. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, having been forgiven by God, let us also forgive anyone who has wronged us, remembering that Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so should you love one another." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: We do believe that because God loves us and through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin! How I Love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

ANTHEM "Grace" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Mark Hayes

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (in unison) *From the Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares His labor of healing enmities which separate people from God and each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to His call.

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 "Down By the Riverside" CATHEDRAL CHOIR,
– arr. John Rutter ALBERT LEONARDIS, *percussion*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Reading: II Corinthians 4: 7-18 N.T. PAGE 180

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 18-25 N.T. PAGE 69

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. ROBERT W. BOHL
"When Feeling Useless...What Then?"

***HYMN 101** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "We All Believe in One True God" SUSAN DODD, *organ*
– J. S. Bach

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.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO: Mike Chase Eaton and family on the death of his Aunt, Eldora Milkson, in Albuquerque, NM on June 13, 2017.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Patti Mitchell – Memorial Regional Hospital

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Mona Petersen, *Director of Adult Christian Education Ministry & Small Groups*

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of Gloria Nichols by her son, Tom Nichols.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.
Available dates: July 2, July 16, July 23

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

Georgiana Schuldt – 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.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Anne Cameron	6/24	Rita Dobbs	6/27
Sissy Lindsey*	6/24	Joyce Green	6/27
Ben Sorensen	6/24	Madolyn Markham	6/27
Joy Anderson-Rodriguez	6/25	Dick Callaghan	6/28
Audrey Cechinel	6/25	Wallace Williamson	6/28
Robin McEachern	6/25	Candace Adams	6/29
Mary Bailey	6/26	Ben Brody	6/30
Megan Walsen	6/26	Susan Dodd	6/30
Shirley Beal	6/27	Debbie Schade	7/1
Charles Brodbeck	6/27	Richard Vasquez	7/1

***Member - Endowment Fund Birthday Club**

Newest Members of the Endowment Fund Birthday Club January – June:
Fred Depenbrock 3/17 Gordon McKay 1/16
Maddie Gelb 5/16 **Fund total to date: \$8,840**

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".*

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!