

Friends of Women of Faith

Tuesday, September 5 at 7pm in the Study and Renewal Center
Women of all ages are invited to gather and hear inspiring messages from Women of Faith leaders as they teach us to walk in faith with God. For more information: 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

Join us for our Mission Kids and Glow Kids Kick-Off

Wednesday, September 6, 6pm-7pm
St. Andrew's Room and Room #NC200
New agents are always welcome! Mission Possible Kids (1st-5th Grade) and Glow Kids (Prek4 &K) For more info, please contact Cindy Vason 954-598-9341 or email CindyV@firstpres.cc.

Save the date! Mission Kids Parent Social: Wednesday, October 4

Christian Women Connect Welcome Back Social

Thursday, September 7 at 10am in the Study and Renewal Center
Come hear about our Fall Women's Bible Study Program and Events! Complimentary brunch and refreshments will be served. RSVP to LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.

Join us for our second annual Mother & Son Dance

Saturday, September 9, 6-8pm / Ages 4 & up / \$15pp / Semi-formal
Please join us for an enchanted evening of dinner, dancing and fun games for our Mom's and their sons. Attire is semi-formal. **Reservation deadline is tomorrow 9/4.** Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

Sign up for AAC's Summer Lunch Bunch

Thursday, September 14: Bravo Italian Restaurant (1515 SE 17th Street) Meet at the restaurant at 11:30am. Join us, this will be a fun day! RSVP: TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344. (Let us know if you would like to ride the church bus.)

Haiti Donation Drive: August 27 – September 17

Our very own Sam McCawley, a Sophomore at Cardinal Gibbons High School, is seeking help for a community project that he initiated last year. Over 80% of the buildings in Southern Haiti were destroyed when Hurricane Matthew struck the island in October 2016. Recovery has been difficult, rebuilding has been very slow, and the community still has a tremendous need. Sam will have collection bins in the Harbor, the front office, the lobby of the Neumann Center, and the Choir Room.

Items needed include: Boys and Girls Sneakers, socks, toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc), backpacks, notebooks and notebook paper, soccer balls and other sports equipment.

Family Campus Project Update

We are pleased to provide an update that the Family Campus project is almost underway. We experienced some delays due to permitting, but we expect that construction will begin soon and should not take longer than 6 weeks. When complete, the Family Campus project will include parking, recreational facilities and a secure and safe campus setting for our church families. Please park in the the main lot on 15th Avenue during the week. On Sundays, look for the big white sandwich board signs for parking at these two locations:

- The triangle lot on the corner of Tarpon Dr. and SE 4th Street
- The parking lots across from the Hoch Center on SE 15th Avenue.

Join us for fellowship dinners on Wednesday evenings

5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free. Dinner Menu September 6: Chicken Parmesan
RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Beginning Sept 6:

THE OLD IN THE NEW

A look at the Old Testament and how its words and ideas influenced the writers of the New Testament.
6:30pm
Room: Chapel In The Sky
Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant

THESE HIGH GREEN HILLS

In this 3rd book of the Mitford Series, we're once again in Mitford, a southern village of local characters so heartwarming and hilarious you'll wish you lived right next door.
Room: SRC-100 (Study & Renewal Center)
Book: \$10 www.amazon.com/These-Green-Hills-Mitford-Years/dp/0140257934
Facilitated by Kathy Craven

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

Man troubles? Food issues? Can't let go of the past? Can't let go of money? Let these Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun!
6:15pm
Room NC-216
Book/Workbook: \$10
Facilitated by Mona Petersen
(954) 598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Congregational Care Offerings:

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

First Wednesdays
11:00am - 12:30pm
SRC - 100 (Study & Renewal Center)
Contact TriciaY@firstpres.cc / (954) 598-9344

DIVORCE CARE

This 13 week support group, which began Aug 9, is for anybody who is separated or divorced.
6:30pm
Room NC-115 / Spanish Room
Contact TriciaY@firstpres.cc / (954) 598-9344

GRIEF SUPPORT

For more information about this group, please contact Tim Dobbins.
(954) 598-9332 / TimD@firstpres.cc

GET PLUGGED IN!

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS

2 PETER FOR EVERYONE (continued) continues Sept 10

How does a Christian behave when surrounded by a hostile world that doesn't understand who we are or why we do what we do? Peter provides some answers: Abandon the old ways, learn the new habit of love and put on the mental armor that will make you strong to face suffering that may come.
9:30am
Room: NC-216
Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw

PARABLES, APHORISMS AND QUESTIONS OF JESUS

Begins Sept 10th
9:30am

Room: Chapel-In-The-Sky
Facilitated by Herb Clark

TUESDAYS AM / PM

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7:45am
Room: NC-202 / Neumann Center Library

PEBBLES OF FAITH EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will continue our study of Joyce Meyer's "Battlefield of the Mind"
Fourth Tuesdays - next meeting Sept. 26
6:15pm Potluck Dinner with study and discussion to follow
Room: NC-218 (2nd floor of Neumann Center at the end of the hallway)
Facilitated by Kim White

THURSDAYS AM / PM

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECT!

MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Sept 14
Lisa Harper's "Hebrews" The Nearness of King Jesus
10:00am
Room: SRC-100 (Study & Renewal Center)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

12:00pm
Room NC-202 (Nuemann Center Library)
Facilitated by Eric Johnson



11 AM

September 3, 2017

Thirteenth 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 worshiper)
Surprising God, You have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where I least expect You: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Turn my life upside down with Your radical love. Out of life's business, You have called me here to this place, O Lord. Be with me as I listen for Your word and seek Your ways. Guide my steps and guard my life that I may serve You more effectively in this broken world. I pray in the name of Your most amazing surprise of all: Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Exodus 3, Romans 12, Matthew 16)

WELCOME

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

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Praeludium I" PIANO
– J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** MONA PETERSEN

Leader: We are standing on holy ground.

People: All those who have gone before us have witnessed to the love of God.

Leader: We are challenged to be people of loving service.

People: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve You by helping others.

All: Amen.

***HYMN 281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

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

Creator of all, Sustainer of all, Savior of all, Your glory and majesty are beyond our understanding, Your power too awesome to behold. And yet Your love enfolds us as a gentle breeze. Savior of all, Sustainer of all, Creator of all, we bless Your holy name.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Lord, perhaps Your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We have a hard time comprehending Your call to us because we feel so inadequate to respond in faithful service. So we look to others to do the work. We are happy to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest. Now, Lord, we need to take the next step into actual service to You. Forgive our slowness of action and heart, O Lord. Quicken our spirits to accept the call You have for us. Give us courage and strength to do Your will and help others in need. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord: Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

SOLO "You Are Near" BRIAN RICCI, *soloist*
– Daniel Schutte

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(Excerpt from "A Brief Statement of Faith")*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PASTORAL PRAYER TRICIA YOUNG

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 SOLO "There is a Balm in Gilead" BRIAN RICCI, *soloist*
– William L. Dawson

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fp_guest (case sensitive)

SERMON "Who am I?" NICHOLAS MERCHANT

***HYMN 379** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" SUSAN DODD, *organ*
– William Mathias

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.)
- Children's Sunday School schedule:
9:30 am: PreK3 Sunday school in Room #NC127, PreK 4-5th grade meet upstairs on the second floor –Room #NC224
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 Brian Ricci as our guest soloist this morning. Brian is a professional singer/songwriter and voice teacher who received his bachelors and masters degrees from New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. Mr. Ricci has performed for Boston Lyric Opera and made his solo NY debut at Weill Hall (Carnegie Hall) in 1995. In addition to teaching voice for 18 years, Brian is a soloist at First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach and performs classical/Broadway style concerts all over South Florida.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Mona Petersen, *Director of ACE Ministry & Small Groups*, Tricia Young, *Director Congregational Care & Sr. Adult Ministries (AAC)*, Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of Darwin W. Townsend who passed away on September 2, 2008, by his wife, Connie and his family.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200. Available dates: September 17, September 24, October 1

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:

Michelle and John Pidgeon – call pager number 954-823-0115

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Sally Botkin	9/3	George Farquhar	9/7
Christopher Brucks	9/3	Johnnet Grimm	9/7
*Tara Dirato	9/3	Sasha Jenks	9/7
Alyson Kass	9/3	Glenda Juers	9/7
*Carol Ripley	9/3	Emily Owen	9/7
Rachael Banach	9/4	Fee Arrington	9/8
Joyce Giacoma	9/4	Aimee Taylor	9/8
Mike Johnson	9/4	Diane Wilcox	9/8
*Ellen Whiteman	9/4	Konrad Zeilmann	9/8
Andrew Giacoma	9/6	Janet Guardabassi	9/9
Bruce Stephen	9/6	Noel Weaver	9/9
Kathleen Emberlin	9/7	Bob Yates	9/9

**Member - Endowment Birthday Club*

Newest Members January - August:

Kathy Craven 8/15 Bonnie Craven 8/27

Endowment Fund to Date: \$11,633

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: 9:15 am – 11 am in the St. Andrew's Room

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Membership

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family on Sunday, September 10, from 12 – 12:30pm in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

First Step: Discover ways to connect and learn about membership at First Pres on Sunday, September 24 from 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!**

Member Photos

If you did not have your photo taken on Rally Day for the online membership directory, please wear your "Sunday best" on September 10, 17 and 24. We will be taking photos following each service. Locations will be announced during the services.

Accepting Nominations to Serve!

The Congregational Nominating Committee needs your help in suggesting candidates to serve as Elders and Deacons. Please see the yellow nominating brochure in your bulletin for all the details on service! **Deadline for submissions is noon NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017.**