

Mission Kids Parent Social

Wednesday, October 4, 5pm-7pm

Here's your chance to meet some of the other Mission Kid Parents. Parents are invited to drop off their agents at 5pm and we will bring them to our Wednesday Night dinner and then to Mission Kids while you enjoy dinner on Las Olas with other MPK parents. Cost of dinner is \$4 for kids 7-11 / under 6 free. Reservations are needed by 9/27, contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc.

Annual First Pres Dolphins Game! Miami Dolphins vs. Tennessee Titans

Sunday, October 8, 1pm game time

All are welcome to join the Men's Ministry for a great afternoon of fellowship and football. Invite your friends and family to enjoy this annual event. Ticket prices: \$40 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets is September 30. Questions? Contact Bill Condon at 732-670-7435 or whcondon1023@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat: Wednesday, October 25

Dinner at 5pm, Parade at 6pm, Trunk or Treat at 6:30pm

Dinner and Trunk reservations are necessary by 10/20. Wear your costumes! Contact Cindy Vason 954-598-9341.

Family Campus Project Update

We experienced some delays due to permitting, but we expect that construction will begin soon. When complete, the Family Campus project will include parking, recreational facilities and a safe and secure campus setting for our church families. Please park in 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.

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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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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.
6:30pm

Room: SRC-100 (Study & Renewal Center)

Book: \$10 www.amazon.com/
These-Green-Hills-Mitford-Years/
dp/0140257934

Facilitated by Kathy Craven

Congregational Care Offerings:

CAREGIVER SUPPORT (continues)

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

DIVORCE CARE (continues)

This support group 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

SUNDAY MORNINGS

2 PETER FOR EVERYONE (continued)

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: New behavior, love and mental armor.
9:30am

Room: NC-216
Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw

PARABLES, APHORISMS AND QUESTIONS OF JESUS

Learn more about the stories, "one-liners" and challenging inquiries from the Son of God.
9:30am

Room: Chapel-In-The-Sky
Facilitated by Herb Clark and Paige Brody

TUESDAYS AM / PM

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7:45am (continues)
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 west_kim@bellsouth.net

THURSDAYS AM / PM

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECT! MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Sept 21st
Lisa Harper's "Hebrews" 10:00am
Room: SRC-100 (Study & Renewal Center)
Workbook: \$15
Contact LauraZ@firstpres.cc (954) 598-9312

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

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

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

September 24, 2017

Sixteenth 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)
Gracious and loving God, we know from trying to live life doing as we please, rather than trying to do what pleases You, we are restless and unsatisfied. So we come to worship seeking the peace You have to offer to us. We admit that we tend to be cautious and timid rather than to get involved concerning the needs of others. So we come again to this place to listen for Your word for us and to become equipped to try once again to be Your faithful servants. In the name of Jesus Christ we offer our prayers to You. Amen.

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Setting on Hyfrydol" SUSAN DODD, organ
- Daniel E. Gawthrop

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

Leader: "My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast.
I will sing and make melody, I will give thanks to You, O Lord.
People: For Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and Your faithfulness reaches the clouds.
Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth."
All: We are here to worship God, let us begin. (Psalm 108)

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

God of grace and God of glory, from Your perfect love You have created us. You call us to seek the truth as it is given to us in Jesus Christ. We come to offer to You our adoration and praise. We know merciful God that when we turn from You we lose our sense of direction, and we find ourselves lost in a world that has no real meaning. So we pray that in this time of worship, we will experience Your special love for us, and that Your peace will fill our lives. In humility we offer our prayers to You in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 376** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: God has promised through Jesus Christ forgiveness to all who are sorry for what they have done or failed to do. All of you who desire that forgiveness are invited to seek it as we offer to God our prayers of confession.

All: Merciful and forgiving God, we submit our life to You seeking Your forgiveness. Often it is difficult for us to admit that we have done anything wrong, and it is difficult for us to admit that we have failed to do what is right. Yet we know we are not perfect, but at times we excuse our imperfections as natural. We know that others do things worse than we have done, so we blame them and excuse ourselves. Gracious God, create within us such honesty, that helps us recognize our failures, so that willingly we seek Your forgiveness. In Your mercy O God, forgive us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God's mercy and forgiveness are inexhaustible and are given to all who are truly sorry for their past. Friends, believe this good news as a gift from God.

All: We do believe that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

ANTHEM “Come and Follow Me” KIRK SINGERS
– Tom Franzak

***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.

PASTORAL PRAYER TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

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 “Love Comes From God” (John 15: 13) CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Allen Pote

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Samuel 18: 1-9

John 15: 9-17

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 “Real Friends... who are they?” REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL

***HYMN 403** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Hyfrydol” ORGAN
– Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Joyce Green – Broward General Medical Center

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*

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:

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

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: October 1, October 8, October 15

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

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family TODAY, from 12 – 12:30pm in the Bininger 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 TODAY 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!

Ballroom Dancing resumes!

Monday, September 25 in Fellowship Hall
Beginners 6:30pm / Intermediate 7:30pm

Pebbles of Faith Evening Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 26 in Room 218/219. Potluck dinner at 6pm with study and discussion to follow. Focus will continue on Joyce Meyer's *Battlefield of the Mind*. Facilitated by Kim White: west_kim@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Night Live Dinner

5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free. Dinner Menu September 27: Shrimp, Andouille (spicy sausage), & Chicken Gumbo
RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, September 28 in the Study and Renewal Center
Join us as we delve into Lisa Harper's *Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus*. This week: Mona Petersen will facilitate *Moses Gave Us Rules But Jesus Gives Us Rest*. Fellowship at 9:45am, Study & Discussion at 10am. Study Guides available for \$15. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

Member Photos

If you did not have your photo taken on Rally Day for the online membership directory, please wear your “Sunday best” on October 1 and 8. We will be taking photos following each service. Locations will be announced during the services. Alternatively, you can email a photo (JPG file format) to DebraS@firstpres.cc. Please be sure to identify all persons in the photo.