

October Rock Star

Ann Porterfield – you are a ROCK STAR! Ann developed the Prayer Pager Ministry here at First Pres. If you or a loved one has ever had the opportunity to need a pager, then you are aware of the powerful sense of love and caring our church family gives every time they dial the pager number. Ann's idea of letting someone know that our family loves and cares and supports them in a non-obtrusive way is truly Rock Star thinking. For the many people that have been touched and overwhelmed with love and prayers, we all say Thank You Ann - you are a ROCK STAR. Like pebbles tossed into water, the rippling effect of kindness and faith sharing spread to many around you.

Veteran's Day Military Prayer List

If you have family members currently serving in the Armed Forces, we would like to include them on our Veteran's Day Military Prayer List. Please email Veterans@firstpres.cc with the following information: their name, branch and location of service, whether they are a member of First Pres, or if they are a relative of a member of First Pres. If the service member allows it, please send us their email address so we can let them know First Pres is praying for them. The deadline to submit your information is **Monday, October 30**.

Experience New JOY this Christmas!! Discover *The Sparkle Box* tradition

Wednesday, November 1, Dinner at 5pm, Guest Speaker at 6pm
Do you ever feel pressured to provide the perfect Christmas for your family? Join author Jill Hardie as she shares a special tradition called "The Sparkle Box" that puts the focus on Christ at Christmas and melts away the stress of the season. Event reservations: Cindy Vason 954-598-9341 / Dinner Reservations: Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 by 10/29. Dinner Menu: Chicken Marsala/Chicken Nuggets / Cost: \$8 age (12-adult) \$4 (ages 7-11) under 6 free

New Evening Women's Small Group Bible Study "Bad Girls of the Bible"

Wednesdays beginning November 1, at 6:15pm in Room NC-216. Facilitated by Mona Petersen. For more information contact: MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345.

All Church Workday

Saturday, November 4: Coffee and sign up: 8:30am, Work begins 9am
Fabulous lunch begins at noon! Be part of the work, fun and fellowship as we prepare our campus for the upcoming holiday season. If you are willing, please bring your own landscaping tools and/or toolbox.

AAC Trip: A Day in Delray Beach with Delray Yacht Cruises

Tuesday, November 14, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
We will have an hour to visit the shops, galleries and boutiques on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. We will then board the Lady Atlantic for our 2 hour narrative tour as we cruise the calm waters of the Intracoastal Waterway from Delray Beach towards Boca Raton. Lunch will be served. Cost: \$58 per person, RSVP to Tricia Young 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc

ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

Begins Nov 1st

Man troubles? Food issues? Can't let go of the past? Can't let go of money... or anything? Let these Bad Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun!
6:15pm
Room: NC - 216 (Second floor of Neumann Center, end of hallway)
Facilitated by Mona Petersen

WEDNESDAYS AM / PM

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR MOMS!

MAKE IT COUNT

Moms want a guarantee, but in life there are no guarantees. *Make It Count* can help guide you and gain the right perspective for this journey of motherhood so that you will realize the importance of your role as a mom.
Second Wednesdays of the month
9:30am - please bring a snack to share.
Room: NC-227 / Childcare provided.
Facilitated by Nikki Diefenbach
Contact: jennifer.diefenbach@gmail.com
Study books(digital or hard copy) are optional and can be purchased from <https://store.birdsonawiremoms.com/search?q=make+it+count>

Congregational Care Offerings:

Contact TriciaY@firstpres.cc
(954) 598-9344

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

(continues)
First Wednesdays
11:00am - 12:30pm
SRC - 100 (Study & Renewal Center)

DIVORCE CARE

(continues)
This support group is for anybody who is separated or divorced.
6:30pm
Study & Renewal Center

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

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
6:00pm 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

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

9:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

October 22, 2017

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

* Worship

Welcome and Announcements

* Worship

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10

Sermon

"Being Faithful"

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

Offering

Bill Condon

* Worship

* Benediction

*please stand if you are able

GET PLUGGED IN!

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

Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

Worship Team: Ragan Jacaty, Al Leonardis, Nic Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young

Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant

Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber

This week's music

"Be Enthroned" – Bethel

"God With Us" —All Sons and Daughters

"Let There Be Light" — Hillsong

"Brokenness Aside" —All Sons and Daughters

"O Praise the Name (Anástasis)" – Hillsong

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).
- 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:

Tim Dawkins – Holy Cross Hospital

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

The family and friends of Martha Mills who passed away on October 16, 2017.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Bill Condon

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

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

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Beverly Fickinger	10/22	Mike du Plessis	10/24	Bob Hugelshofer	10/26
*Katie Pocock	10/22	Leslie Flavell	10/24	Kay Lani Atkinson	10/27
Heather Van Workum	10/22	Beth Flowers	10/24	Mario Gonzalez	10/27
*Bill Condon	10/23	Andrew Hill	10/24	Dorothy Ishoy	10/27
Arnold Davis	10/23	Ava Janes	10/24	Tim Akers	10/28
Cathy Kautz	10/23	Peggy McKeown	10/24	Shirley Chatham	10/28
Wes Lockard	10/23	*Cathy Bean	10/25	Leslie Novakovic	10/28
J.R. Markham	10/23	Jeannine Coursen	10/25	Parker Novakovic	10/28
Walt Williams	10/23	Pamela Ruble	10/25	Joan Scott	10/28
*Ellen Cioffi	10/24	Alex Budd	10/26	*Melrose Whittaker	10/28
Reed Clymer	10/24	Gene Clayton	10/26	Betty Williams	10/28

***Member - Endowment Birthday Club**

Newest Member January – October: Georgiana Schuldt 10/18

Endowment Fund To Date: \$13,005

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2017-2018 Concert Series Begins!

TONIGHT at 7:30pm, featuring a violin and piano concert presented by Bogdan Chruszcz and Velia Yedra. This husband and wife artistic team has contributed their talents to the performance and encouragement of many aspiring musicians and artistic entities all over the South Florida area for many years. They have been involved in almost every major arts organization in the community. Bogdan is Founding Concertmaster of the Florida Philharmonic and the Florida Grand Opera and has a distinguished career under the baton of major internationally renowned composers and conductors.

Membership

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).

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family TODAY, from 10:30 – 11am in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

Call for Congregational Meeting

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 29 at the conclusion of the 11am worship service in our Sanctuary for the purpose of electing church officers. All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

Trunk or Treat: Wednesday, October 25

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

Dinner and Trunk reservations are necessary – **DEADLINE TODAY**. Wear your costumes! Contact Cindy Vason 954-598-9341.

Your trunk is needed!! Anyone from the congregation, all ages, are invited to bring their automobile "trunks" and some treats so that children can come and safely "trick or treat" in our church parking lot. You can make your non-scary decorating as simple or as elaborate as you like, however, there will be a contest! Dress up, decorate your cars and then enjoy handing out treats to the little pumpkins from our church and community. You do not need to have small children to participate!!

SEWING "pillow" TALK

Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in Room 200 (across from the elevator on the 2nd floor in the Neumann Center)

Do your fingers miss the touch of needle and thread, your ears the hum of the sewing machine? Join our craft ministry as we make pillows for cancer patients in our local hospitals. We will teach you how to cut, sew, iron and/or stuff. Interested in being a part of our Craft Ministry? Please ask Georgiana Schuldt or Tricia Young at 954-598-9344.

Pebbles of Faith Evening Women's Bible Study

Next meeting: Tuesday October 24 (fourth Tuesday of the month) 6:00pm Potluck dinner with study and discussion to follow. Contact 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 October 25: Spaghetti and Meatballs RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

New Bible Study for Moms! *Make it Count*

Second Wednesday of each month, 9:30am in Room NC-227 Coffee and childcare provided, please bring a snack to share. Optional: Study book may be purchased online: <https://store.birdsonawiremoms.com/search?q=make+it+count>

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, October 26 in the Study and Renewal Center. Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. Lisa Harper's Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus. This week: Leslie Depenbrock will facilitate our closing session, *From Absolute Ruin To Glorious Restoration*. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry] Program: *Celebrate Halloween*

Thursday, October 26, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall You may be in store for a "Trick or Treat" during this program of *Science, Science, Fun, Fun, Fun!* Gina, the Science teacher at Happyland Day School will share with us her spooky science experiments with the Happyland School Scientists assisting. Come dressed in your Halloween costume and/or favorite Halloween shirt. Chef Kevin is serving Baked Lasagna. Cost: \$9. RSVP: TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344.