

NOTES

Family Campus Project

The Family Campus Project is progressing. Grading has begun, material for the pavers has been laid and plants along the perimeter have been removed. Forms and concrete pouring for the event pad are next on the agenda. The completion deadline is December 20, 2017.

2017-2018 Concert Series Brochures have been mailed out. There are extra copies in the Narthex and in the front office. Please use the enclosed business cards to give to your friends, and also the return envelope provided to return your financial contribution to our Concert Series. Thank you!

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry] Program: *Carving Healthy Holidays with Savvy Senior, Anne Goldberg*

Thursday, November 16, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall
Anne will share with us her mind-body-spirit approach to getting through the holidays while maintaining physical and emotional health. Whether with family or alone, this is a recipe for joy and well-being that urges us towards happy, healthy and meaningful celebrations. Chef Kevin is serving a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Cost: \$9, RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

AAC Trip: *Christmas at Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL*

Tuesday, December 12, 8:15 am to approximately 7pm
We will visit the Bok Tower Gardens for their Holiday Home Tour beautifully decorated for Christmas while hearing the Carillon Concert. As an added bonus, we will stop at the Grove House to learn how Florida's Natural Brand orange juice is squeezed in the heart of Central Florida. Lunch will be served. Cost: \$75 per person. RSVP to Tricia Young 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc

High School Lock-in

Friday, November 17, at 8pm through 8am on Saturday, November 18. Food, games, and more! Cost is \$10. We hope to see you there!

Surviving the Holidays: a one-day Divorce Care seminar

Saturday, November 18, 3pm-5pm in the Study and Renewal Center
If you are going through, or have gone through, a divorce or separation, join us and equip yourself and your children with practical tools for handling situations that arise during the holidays. Facilitated by Tricia and Ronnie Young. For more information: 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

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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9:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

November 12, 2017

23rd 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

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

* Worship

Scripture Readings

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 12: 28-34

Sermon

"Why are you here?"

Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl

Offering

Chandler Gelb

* Worship

* Benediction

*please stand if you are able

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

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl

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

Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant

Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber

This week's music

"In Tenderness" — Citizens and Saints

"This I Believe" – Shane and Shane

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" — Hillsong

"Lord, I Need You" – Matt Maher

"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.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Phyllis and Al Thomas on the death of Phyllis' mother, Kitty Weaver, on November 7, 2017.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Tim Dawkins – Holy Cross Hospital

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Chandler Gelb

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

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Steve Phillips	11/12	David Auld	11/14	Rich Thompson	11/16
Steven Smithberg	11/12	Chris Roehm	11/14	Jenny Barnett	11/17
*Fred Betz	11/13	Larry Smith	11/14	Ken Fengler	11/17
Emily Grossutti	11/13	Tyler Holt	11/15	*Bob Linhart	11/17
Joann Parkinson	11/13	Tom Maurer	11/15	*Cindy Mack	11/17
Shannon Robertson	11/13	Betsy Botkin	11/16	Susan Beaghen	11/18
Melissa Smiley	11/13	Linda Greenman	11/16	Forrest King	11/18
Frances Young	11/13	Louise Meminger	11/16	Holly Ann Lord	11/18
Wilson Atkinson	11/14	Beverly Stockamore	11/16		

**Member - Endowment Birthday Club*

Newest Members January – November:

Sal Fasulo 11/2 Gretchen Fasulo 11/4 Sarah Del Negri 11/8

Endowment Fund to Date: \$13,954

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.

Please note that breakfasts will not be held on Sunday, November 19 (single worship service at 10am) or Sunday, November 26 (Blood Drive)!

MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER COMMITTEE will be in the front of the room in front of the stage and available for prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's UNANIMOUS!

Your PNC invites you to one service **NEXT SUNDAY, November 19, 2017 at 10am** to meet and hear from our choice for Pastor/Head of Staff.

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING immediately following the worship service in our Sanctuary for the purpose of hearing a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and electing a new Senior Pastor. A reception and an opportunity to say "Hello" will follow the meeting.

Membership

First Step Visitor Orientation: Discover ways to connect and learn about membership at First Pres TODAY, November 12, 2017, from 10:15 – 11am in the Neumann Center Library, NC-202 (2nd floor of the Neumann Center).

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family TODAY November 12, 2017, from 10:30 – 11am in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

SERRV Christmas Sale TODAY!

Christmas is on its way and so are chocolate and ornaments and other SERRV goodies. We will be showing our newest line in the Spanish Room after each service. Hope to see you there!

Advent Begins December 3 and we are in need of twelve (12) families or individuals to light the candles on our Advent Wreaths at each of our regular weekly worship services and on Christmas Eve. **Please CALL Barb Yatrousis at 954-598-9311, or e-mail her at BarbaraY@firstpres.cc as soon as possible to reserve your date and service!** Dates will be reserved on a first come, first served basis!

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child: The Power of a Simple Gift

The journey starts with you filling a shoe box with toys, school supplies and necessity items, and praying for the child who will receive your box. A shoebox can be picked up after each worship service. **Boxes must be returned no later than Wednesday, November 15.** Suggested items: small toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, coloring books, washcloths, bar of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, hard candies (but no chocolate please). For more information, please contact Cindy Vason 954-598-9341 CindyV@firstpres.cc.

Parables, Aphorisms and Questions of Jesus at 9:30am in Chapel-in-the-Sky concludes today.

Ballroom Dancing Prom Night

Monday, November 13 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Bob and Mikki Crosby will host the Ballroom Dancing Prom with a night of music, food and dance!

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 November 15: Thanksgiving Turkey and all the "fixins"! RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, November 16 in the Study and Renewal Center. Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. Join us for a study that will help you put your faith into action. **This week: Phyllis Thomas will facilitate *Do You Believe You Are A Part Of God's Plan?*** Study Guides: \$10. For more information: Laura Ziegler 954-598-9312 or Lauraz@firstpres.cc.

Blessing Tree and Thanksgiving Social - November 16 following class. *Bring a favorite finger food or sweet to share!*