

### Christmas Poinsettias

Please respond by **TOMORROW, MONDAY, DECEMBER 11** to permit the printing of names and donors in our Christmas Eve bulletins. Please enclose your contribution of \$17.50 with the order. Forms can be picked up around the church campus. Thank you!

### Angel Tree Party Today

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated 400+ gifts for our Angel Tree kids! You will make their Christmas merry, indeed. Our guests will be arriving for the party at 1pm today. It is not too late to volunteer to ensure they have a great time and know that First Pres cares. Come to the Neumann Center lobby and be put to work!

**Advent has begun** and we are still in need of families or individuals to light the candles on our Advent Wreaths. **Please CALL Barb Yatrousis at 954-598-9311, or e-mail her at BarbaraY@firstpres.cc.**

### Welcome New Members! Nikki & Scott Winchester

Nikki & Scott have a daughter, London. Nikki & London were both baptized at FPC in October. Scott transferred from Midland First United Methodist Church in Michigan. Nikki is on the Board of Directors of the Humane Society of Broward County.



### Wednesday Night Live Dinner and Advent Program

December 13, Dinner 5pm – **6:15pm** (note the new end time in order to turn the room for a theater style set up with the chairs for the *Journeys With The Messiah* presentation with Michael Belk at 6:30pm.) Menu: Chicken Piccata. For more information and to RSVP for dinner by Monday, December 11, contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

### AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Thursday, December 14, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall  
**Program:** *The Mummies in December* What is a Mummer you ask? Strictly speaking, a Mummer is a masked or costumed entertainer, and the Broward County Mummies fill the bill when it comes to costumes. Come join us to see this entertaining string band as they put a Christmas twist to their normal show! Chef Kevin is serving Chicken Piccata. Cost: \$9, RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

### Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 14, 11:30 am at the home of Phyllis Thomas We welcome Mary Helen Merchant as our guest speaker. Please bring a Christmas gift bag for an adult woman to donate to Women in Distress. **RSVP by December 11:** Laura Ziegler at LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312

### College Christmas Cookout

We'd like to invite all college students to join us at the Flavell house (2231 NE 17<sup>th</sup> Court) for food, fellowship, and fun on December 20. Festivities start at 6pm. There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange, so bring a wrapped gift of \$10 at most and be sure to wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater. Dinner will be provided, so last but not least, bring an appetite!

### AAC Trip: Frost Museum of Science in Miami and Lunch at Perricone's

Tuesday, January 16 at 10am  
Join us as we visit The Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science located in Downtown Miami's Waterfront Park. We will see the museum exhibits, explore the aquarium, enjoy live science demonstrations and experience the Frost Planetarium show. Prior to the museum visit we will enjoy lunch at the beautiful Italian restaurant in the heart of Downtown Miami, Perricone's. Perricone's is unique because it's not just a restaurant and gourmet market - it's a destination! Cost: \$73 per person, RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

### Family Campus Project

The activity court /concrete parking area has been poured, Next phase is concrete curbs and pavers followed by fencing and landscaping with continued work on the lighting poles. The new basketball hoops have been delivered and are ready for the next one-on-one challenge!

### 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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**11 AM**

**December 10, 2017  
Second Sunday of Advent**

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 God, as You prepared the hearts and minds of people long ago to accept the coming of Your Son into the world, so prepare us today. Bring light to the dark areas of our lives, bring hope to the areas of our despair, bring love to the areas of our loneliness, and help us to welcome anew Jesus Christ into all areas of our lives so that, as we accept Him as our Savior, we may then truly serve Him as our Lord. Amen.*

### WELCOME

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANDLER GELB

**PRELUDE** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" SUSAN DODD, piano  
– arr. Timothy Brown

### CALL TO WORSHIP (remain seated)

Leader: Jesus said, I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life.  
**People: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**  
Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
**People: like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.** (Isaiah 35:1 NRSV)

*The Lighting of the Advent candles will be done by Beth, Madison, Hunter and Matt Moore.*

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison) MONA PETERSEN

**In great mercy for us, O God, You have displayed Your profound love for us in Jesus, who was born among us as one of us. We know He endured both life and death, a cruel death to prove to the world that Your love is more powerful than death because You raised Him to eternal life. We come today to offer to You our heartfelt gratitude for Your love; we come to praise and adore Your holy name. Help us by faith to accept anew this Christ as our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 22** "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us all now confess to God what we have done that we know is wrong and for all that we failed to do that we should have done.

**All: O Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world; forgive us for claiming to follow You while we continue to be guided by selfish desires. Forgive us when our pride causes us to think that we are better than others, and forgive our lack of concern for others which leaves them without much hope. Forgive us when we say that You are the Bread of Life, and we fail to share that Bread with those who are hungry for something to eat. Forgive us for all we have done that is wrong, and forgive us for not becoming what we could be if only we trusted You completely. In Christ's precious name we pray. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Through Christ's love for us we believe we are forgiven. We believe the past is forgiven and forgotten by God. Let us leave here today knowing that the peace and love of Christ goes with us.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

**ANTHEM** "Gloria in Excelsis" (from *Twelfth Mass*) CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– W. A. Mozart

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*From the Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life.

**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**

CHANDLER GELB

*Online giving is available by going to [www.firstpres.cc](http://www.firstpres.cc), clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.*

**OFFERTORY** "Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Elaine Hagenberg

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** (*all sing*)

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give Him, give him my heart.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 N.T. PAGE 218

Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-5, 9-13, 18 N.T. PAGE 91

*Please feel free to follow today's scripture readings on your mobile device.  
To access WiFi go to [fp\\_guest](http://fp_guest). Password: [fpcquest](http://fpcquest) (case sensitive)*

**SERMON** "Will the real Jesus stand up?" REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL

**\*HYMN 44** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata on *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*" SUSAN DODD,  
– Diane Bish organ

**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:**

Rev. Andrew Anderson – Westside Regional Medical Center

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:** Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Mona Petersen, *Director of Adult Christian Education Ministry and Small Groups*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*, 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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** are in loving memory of Stanford K. Smoker, given by his family.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: December 17, December 24, December 31

**BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:**

Ernie Moore	12/10	Jennifer Dudas	12/13	Jennifer Ginsberg	12/14
James Alexander	12/11	Fran Holden	12/13	Hattie Hess	12/14
Daniel Harris	12/11	Kelli Lago	12/13	Abby Pangallo	12/15
Dee Harris	12/11	<b>John Osborne</b>	<b>12/13</b>	Jim Tilbrook	12/15
<b>Leslie Depenbrock</b>	<b>12/12</b>	David Pollio	12/13	Brett Connor	12/16
Maggie Botkin	12/12	Meghann Williams	12/13	Chris Maholm	12/16
Kathy Jay	12/12	Lenora Aston	12/14	Maurice Marsh	12/16
Sue Katsikas	12/12	Paige Brody	12/14	<b>Evelyn McCawley</b>	<b>12/16</b>
Bernice Schwenke	12/12	Marian Dunn	12/14	Brian Stark	12/16
Adriana Cash	12/13			<b>*Member - Endowment Birthday Club</b>	

**Newest Members January - December:**

Marvin Boelman	11/22	Ann Russo	12/5
Jacquie Dawkins	12/5	Paul Bohlander	12/6

**Endowment Fund To Date: \$14,559**

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](http://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.

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

**Annual Christmas Concert**

NEXT Sunday evening, December 17 at 7:30pm

The Cathedral Choir, guest soloists, and members of the Symphony of the Americas will present W. A. Mozart's "Coronation Mass" as well as other music by John Rutter, Dan Forrest, and Joseph M. Martin. The second portion of the program will conclude with "The Many Moods of Christmas" by Robert Shaw, "O Holy Night", and Handel's "Hallelujah" Chorus.

**Name Tags**

Today in the Lobby of Fellowship Hall, you can pick up name tags. Also, new members (2017) can pick up their Certificate of Membership/ name tag.

**Attention Youth:** TODAY (December 10) is our last youth group meeting of the year and annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! Bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less for the festivities. See you there!