

Call for Annual Congregational Meeting:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 28 at the conclusion of the 11am worship service for the purposes of reviewing Clergy Terms of Call and receiving the 2018 Budget. All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Thursday, January 25, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall. Program: *Adam's Road Piano Live: Journey through the Gospel*. We are extremely blessed to have the very talented pianist, Matt Wilder, perform for us. To hear a sneak peek of his music visit <https://www.adamsroadministry.com/piano>. *Chef Kevin is serving Chicken Parmesan*. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

First Step Visitor Orientation:

Discover ways to connect and learn about membership at First Pres on Sunday, January 28, 2018, 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 on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 10:30 – 11:00am in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

Save the date!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is also coming to Wednesday night starting January 31! The group will meet on the last Wednesday of every month, 6pm-8pm. Childcare is available by reservation. For more info, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

Happyland Announcements:

Registration for Happyland has begun for First Presbyterian Church members. Call for a tour and find out why Happyland is right for your family. 954-463-6051

January 22- Happyland presents "Blooming with Your Baby!" Come experience the fun of music and sensory classes with your child. Call for more information. 954-463-6051

Little Miss Sweetheart Father-Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 8, 6pm-8pm, in Fellowship Hall
Dinner*Entertainment*Memories, Ages 4-13, Cost: \$15pp

First Informed Communion Classes

Sundays February 11, 18, and 25, at 4:15pm
Led by Rev. Dr. Chris Benek, 3rd Grade and up. Parents are invited to attend the classes with their children. Our communicants will be recognized March 4 in the 11am worship service, with a cake reception immediately following the service. For reservations, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is coming!

Start your shopping now for canned food and soups to support our youth in this mission!

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? – 1 John 3:17

College Scholarship Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year are available on the web site. Completed applications are due March 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please email scholarship@firstpres.cc or call Barbara Hollowell at 954-564-5919.

FIRST, Get Involved!

Looking for an easy way to get involved in the life of the Church? Ushering! You are already in church, so it's an easy thing to hand out bulletins, greet our members and visitors, and pass the offering plate! A commitment to this important service would entail serving one Sunday every two months (or 6 times per year). A great way to meet people and serve your Church at the same time! All ages welcome to serve! For more information, please contact Bradford Sanders via e-mail at fpcftl_ushers@yahoo.com or at 910-231-0106.

AAC Trip: Everglades National Park's Shark Valley Tram Tour & Pit BBQ

Tuesday, February 13, 10am-6pm
Join us as we tour Everglades National Park by way of a 2-hour guided tram tour through Shark Valley with a park-trained naturalist. Before our tour we will visit and eat at the historical landmark, The Pit Bar-B-Q, on Tamiami Trail. Cost: \$73 per person, RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or 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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11 AM

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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 FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today—mourning or gladness, buying or selling—help me to focus on You throughout it all. Then bring me home safely to You. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

OPENING VOLUNTARY “To God Be the Glory” ORGAN AND PIANO
– arr. John Innes

***CALL TO WORSHIP** REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

***HYMN 138** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!” NICAEA

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

Source of Life, You were born, lived, died and rose again that we might have eternal life beginning this moment; sadly, we still cling to a life highlighted by the dimming shadows of culture instead. We hear Your call to repent and take it as a suggestion. You remind us that the kingdom of God is at hand but we simply focus on our personal, eternal salvation. By Your Holy Spirit, fill us afresh with Your passion for ministry for those in our community. Enflesh us as the Body of Christ in Your kingdom right here and now throughout Broward and beyond. Compel our hearts to turn back to You that we would fall in Your loving arms. In the Name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Amazing Grace”

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM “I Was Glad, So Glad!” KIRK SINGERS
– John Carter

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*BAPTISMAL HYMN "Baptized in Water"

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 62:5-12 O.T. PAGE 526

ANTHEM "God Chose Us" (from *Legacy of Faith*) CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS NICHOLAS MERCHANT

OFFERTORY "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION

PREACHING TEXT Mark 1:14-16 N.T. PAGE 35

THE MESSAGE "The Pole Star" REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

***HYMN 485** "To God Be the Glory" WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE

*INVITATION AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Celebration" SUSAN DODD,
– Robert Hebble 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS BEING ADMINISTERED TO:

My'kayla Charmain Johnson, born on July 18, 2017, foster daughter of Jennifer "Nikki" Diefenbach and David B. Wallace, foster granddaughter of Cathie Gamber and Fred Cooper, and Patricia and Karl Diefenbach, foster great-granddaughter of Virginia and James Russell Joan Gamber, foster sister of Dash; and

Josie (Jojo) Kuvvet, born on July 17, 2017, daughter of Megan and Emre Kuvvet, granddaughter of Roseann and Charles Beasley, and Roy White, sister of Grace.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Laura, Ian, June Foster, and family on the death of Laura's brother-in-law, Douglas (Doug) Tipton, on January 14, 2018 in California.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley, *Senior Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*

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: January 28, February 4, March 4

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

James Sadowski	1/21	Ian Akers	1/24	Raquel Ells	1/26
Christy Williams	1/21	*Ross Bridger	1/24	Michael Sayers	1/26
Matt Friedman	1/22	Bob Green	1/25	Mary Kay Wagner	1/26
David Skiles	1/22	Rebecca Heinl	1/25	Nikki Diefenbach	1/27
Nancy Green	1/23	Katie Hughes	1/25	Allison Mackel	1/27
Melvin Jay Jr.	1/23	Bruce Weihe	1/25	Tom McDowell	1/27
Jim Upp	1/23	Karen Woods	1/25	Marion Rathbun	1/27
Carol Wall	1/23	Maike Coan	1/26		

***Member - Endowment Birthday Club**

Newest Birthday Club Members January 2018:

Jim Sabin: 1/19

Tyler Remsburg: 1/14

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".*

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Due to the Blood Drive in the St. Andrews Room, our weekly Fellowship Breakfast will resume **next** Sunday, January 28!

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

SERRV Sale Today!

Welcome Fashionistas to the next SERRV sale TODAY in the Spanish room. Valentine's Day is near. We have an amazing collection of leather bags, jewelry and chocolate for your discriminating sweetie. Don't forget all our items are fair-traded, thus helping us to give to those who need a hand up!

Wednesday Night Live!

January 24, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Menu: Chicken Parmesan. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free. Contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc. Please RSVP by noon on Monday.

DivorceCare

Begins Wednesday, January 24, 6:30pm-8pm
DivorceCare is a special help seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce or separation. The 13-week video seminar series features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a Biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussions of the materials presented during the video. Seminar sessions include topics such as "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness." Please contact Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 to sign up.

Evening Bible study opportunity

Wednesdays / Room S-114 (Binger Conference Room, next to the Senior Pastor's office) / 6:30pm "The Gospel of John: Wisdom from Ephesus" This video series will introduce your group to a new and valuable way of studying the fourth gospel of Jesus Christ. The stories and images from Ephesus, where John wrote the book of John, will give a vivid picture of the atmosphere and the people to whom John pastored. Facilitated by Bill Condon. For more information about all of our Bible studies, contact 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, January 25 in the Study and Renewal Center, Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. Join us as we dig into *Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask* with Angela Thomas. This week: Mary Kay Wagner will facilitate *I Am Suffering a Thorn*. For more information: Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc

Sign up for [First Thursday Boxed Lunches](#) prepared by Chef Kevin.

The cost is \$8 and must be ordered in advance. February 1 menu selection is Curry Chicken Salad Croissant.

Concert Series 2017-18 presents "Big Brass Live!"

NEXT Sunday afternoon, January 28 at 4pm
The program will feature a 12 member brass ensemble, percussion, and organ and will include everything from the Renaissance period through the great hits of Broadway. Come and bring a friend!