

### 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.

# ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## WINTER / SPRING 2018

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

#### THE OLD IN THE NEW

*Continues January 10th, 2018* See how the Old Testament and 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

*Continues January 10th, 2018*

Man troubles? Can't let go of the past? Can't let go of money? Let these Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun!

6:15pm / Room NC-216

Facilitated by Mona Petersen

#### JOHN'S GOSPEL-WISDOM FROM EPHESUS

*Begins January 10th, 2018*

Learn a new way to study the fourth gospel with stories and images from Ephesus.

6:30pm

Room S-114 / Binger Conference Room

Facilitated by Bill Condon

#### MAKE IT COUNT

*Second Wednesdays of the month*

Gain guidance and perspective for this journey of motherhood and realize the importance of your role as a mom.

9:30am - bring snack / Childcare provided

Room: NC-227

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 Support Groups:

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

*(continues)* First Wednesdays

11:00am -12:30pm

Study & Renewal Center

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

#### DIVORCE CARE

*Begins* Wednesday, January 24th, 2018

This 13 week support group is for anybody who is separated or divorced.

6:30pm / Spanish Room

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

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

5:00pm / Study & Renewal Center

Contact Sandy Steffen: sandy@sandysteffen.com

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

#### THE GOSPEL OF JOHN FOR EVERYONE

*Begins January 7th, 2018*

One of the most beautiful books in the Bible, we will read and discuss it with humility and hope.

9:30am / Room: NC-216

Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw

#### TUES / THURS / FRI - AM / PM

#### MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7:45am *(continues)*

Room: NC-202 / Neumann Center Library

#### PEBBLES OF FAITH

#### EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*"THE ARMOR OF GOD" by Priscilla Shirer*

*Fourth Tuesdays of the month*

*Next Bible study date: January 23rd*

6:00pm Potluck Dinner /study &

discussion following

Room: NC-218

Facilitated by Kim White

west\_kim@bellsouth.net

#### CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECT!

#### THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Begins* January 11th, 2018

*"BRAVE" by Angela Thomas - "You've*

*got questions. God's got answers. Be*

*brave. Ask."*

*Study Guide: \$15*

Contact LauraZ@firstpres.cc (954) 598-9312

#### MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY / LUNCH

12:00pm *(continues)*

Room NC-202 (Neumann Center Library)

Facilitated by Eric Johnson

#### BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

*Begins* January 12th, 2018

12:30pm

Spanish Room

Facilitated by Yetunde Oluwasegun

Contact MonaP@firstpres.cc / (954) 598-9345



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

9:30 AM

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 21, 2018

### Third Sunday After Epiphany

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

Community Life

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

\* Worship

Sharing our Gifts

"Come Thou Fount"

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 14-26

The Message

"The Pole Star"

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

\* Worship

\* Benediction

\*please stand if you are able

For more information about our Studies and Small Group, connect with:  
Mona Petersen, Director Adult Christian Education (ACE) and Small Groups  
954.598.9234 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

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

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

**Worship Team:** Ragan Jacaty, Alex Karentz, Al Leonardis, Jessica Mayers, Nic Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young

**Projection Imagery:** Amy Merchant

**Sound, Lights, Video:** Evan Barber

### This week's music

"All Things Good Again" — Justin McRoberts

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" — Hillsong

"O Praise the Name (Anástasis)" — Hillsong

"Come Thou Fount" — Robert Robinson and John Wyeth

"Your Glory" — All Sons and Daughters

"Made Alive" — Citizens and Saints

### Listen to the songs from worship during the week

Listen to music from worship on Spotify. Download the free app, sign in with your Facebook account, search for Nic Merchant, and then follow his playlists. \*If you do not sign in with a Facebook account, then type "spotify:user:12144083752" and hit search.

### 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:

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*

**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:

James Sadowski	1/21	Ian Akers	1/24	Raquel Ells	1/26
Christy Williams	1/21	<b>*Ross Bridger</b>	<b>1/24</b>	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](http://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!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### 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](mailto: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).