

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tea and Table Talk

Tuesday, January 9 at 2pm, Study and Renewal Center
Women of all ages are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of companionship, A FUN TEA PARTY, and discussions of many varied subjects, holidays, and memories.
For more information: Contact Petey Buchholz at 954-566-1744.

"I See You" High School Youth Retreat:

Join us at the Harbor from January 12 – 14 for a home-grown discipleship experience as we delve into what it looks like to give *our very best* to our community as a youth group. There will be special guests, worship, not-your-average-lock-in, and more. We have never done something like this, so come be a part of something new and exciting. You won't want to miss this! Cost is \$50, and sign up deadline is **TODAY!**

All WNL Groups and Studies resume on Wednesday, January 10

Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Menu: BBQ Chicken. \$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 FOR WNL DINNER BY NOON ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8!

Bad Girls of the Bible Resumes

Wednesday, January 10 at 6:15pm in Room NC-216
For more information contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Are you looking for an afternoon Bible study?

We are adding "Bad Girls of the Bible" on Friday afternoons at 12:30pm in the Spanish Room beginning January 12, facilitated by Yetunde Oluwasegun. Study guides provided. For more information contact 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Christian Women Connect Bible Study resumes

Thursday, January 11 in the Study and Renewal Center, Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. Join us as we kick off the new year with a light breakfast and dig into six common issues we face with Angela Thomas in *Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask*. This week: Gail Auguston-Koppen will facilitate our opening session and introduction to the study. Study Guides: \$15. For more information: Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Thursday, January 11, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall
Program: *Presidents and their First Ladies, dramatically speaking*
A dramatic portrayal of William and Nellie Taft by William and Sue Wills who have been touring the U.S. for the past 22 years. William Taft was the 27th president and many believe he was the "nicest man" to hold the office of Presidency. Chef Kevin is serving BBQ Chicken Thighs. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

New Member Orientation:

Become a member of our First Pres family on Sunday, January 14, 2017, from 10:30 – 11am in the Bininger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

First Step Visitor Orientation:

Discover ways to connect and learn about membership at First Pres on Sunday, January 28, 2017, from 10:15 – 11am in the Spanish Room, S-115 (1st floor of the church building, adjacent to the kitchenette).

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 fpcf1_ushers@yahoo.com or at 910-231-0106.

AAC Trip: Everglades National Park's Shark Valley Tram Tour and the Pit Bar-B-Q

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 7, 2018
The Baptism of the Lord

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

God who watches over the world, offering light and hope, be with me this day as I hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help me to remember Your healing, cleansing, and claiming love. Remind me again of the many ways You reach out to me. May the image of the waters be an image of hope. Draw me closer to You, loving God. Embrace me again with Your love and open my heart to You this day.

WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRICIA YOUNG

PRELUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
– James Pethel

SUSAN DODD,
organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

People: **From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's children.**

Leader: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

People: **Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison)

Almighty God, parent of all who call upon Your name, in the waters of baptism You have transformed us, marking us as Your children, and recreating us through the work of Your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. Shower us once more with Your grace that we might be renewed in Your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 210

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

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

Lord, You have blessed us with life. We praise You for this blessing. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed You. We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for You. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding, and bruised. We have tried our own healing methods, and they have not worked. We feel as though we are an oar-less, sail-less boat drifting in water, unable to gain direction, unable to see the shore. We long for home and hope. From across these waters, You have called us. Now let us come to You in contrition, seeking Your healing and forgiving love. *Time for silent confession.... Amen.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Since we were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised to new life with Him. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)*

TRICIA YOUNG

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined Himself to men and women in their need and entered upon His ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with Him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound us to God's very self. Amen. *(from Confession of 1967)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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

OFFERTORY

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1: 4-11 N.T. PAGE 34
Please feel free to follow today's scripture readings on your mobile device.
To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fpcguest (case sensitive)

SERMON "Baptized with water or the Holy Spirit?" NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

***HYMN 356** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" SUSAN DODD,
- David Cherwien 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:

Oleta Krause – Holy Cross Hospital

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Beth Tarus and family on the death of her daughter, Larissa Tarus, on December 28, 2017. A celebration of Larissa's life was held on Friday, January 5, 2018 in Watts Chapel.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*, Tricia Young, *Director of Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries (AAC)*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*

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 given in loving memory of Evelyn and Stanford K. Smoker, given by their family.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: January 21, January 28, February 4

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Tom Green	1/7	Connie Betz	1/11	Jim Scott	1/12
Bob Bostrom	1/8	Teri Stockham	1/11	Alan Vordermeier	1/12
Jeff Glazer	1/8	Candice Watson	1/11	David Wagner	1/12
Diane McDonald	1/8	Phyllis Argiro	1/12	Erickson Bien-Aime	1/13
Julia Ramdhanas	1/8	Donna Chafey	1/12	Tim Foster	1/13
Laura Wiley	1/9	Anne Joyner	1/12	Courtney Johnson	1/13
Kristi Ricks	1/10	Maria Lowry	1/12	Brian Smith	1/13
Phil Adams	1/11				

***Member - Endowment Birthday Club**

Newest Birthday Club Members December – January

Aleyso Bridger	12/9	John Pidgeon	1/2
Annette Yarborough	12/29	Jacqueline Kiernan	1/3
Jerilyn Petropoulos	12/31	Max Brown	1/5

Endowment Fund To Date: \$15,567

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.