

Meet Martha Peterson, the author of *The Widow Spy*

Friday, February 23 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall
Mary-Alice Denny invites you to come meet her sister, Martha Peterson, and hear her amazing story. *The Widow Spy* is Martha Peterson's firsthand account of a true Cold War spy operation in Moscow. She was one of the first women to be assigned to Moscow. Experience her arrest and detention in Lyubianka Prison, as only she can relate it. What she reveals in *The Widow Spy* has never been told. Her book is available on Amazon.

AAC March Trip

March 7, 10:30am-5pm: Stage Door Theatre, "Imagine - A Beatles Retrospective" and Lunch at Runyons in Coral Springs
The Fab Four have left a permanent mark in history with their vast songbook of now timeless classics. "Imagine" celebrates the music of The Beatles, reimagined for a new audience. A live 3-piece band and a cast of incredible vocalists and dancers take you on a journey through the works of the songs you remember from the band that changed the face of music. Cost, \$85. Please call Tricia Young 954-598-9344 to sign up or for more details.

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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ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WINTER / SPRING 2018

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

THE OLD IN THE NEW

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

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

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.bird-sonawiremoms.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

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

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 (Nuemann Center Library)
Facilitated by Eric Johnson

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

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

God of ancient covenants, Your steadfast love and faithfulness are still new every morning. I thank You that I can begin this day in the confidence of Your abiding love and unending mercy. Help me to treat others— family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and even strangers— with love and mercy in our encounters today. When I disappoint or am discordant, help me to show love to others. Open my eyes to the places, people, and circumstances in which Your kingdom has come near. I pray in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SUSAN DODD, organ
"Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"
— Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

*HYMN 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in Your covenant, yet we forget Your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to You and follow Your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM "Nearer, My God, to Thee"
— arr. John Gardner

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9: 8-17
O.T. PAGE 7

TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. Jay Rouse

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

OFFERTORY "Join the Gospel Song" KIRK SINGERS
– arr. David Haas RAGAN JACATY, *soloist*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

PREACHING TEXT

Mark 1: 9-15
N.T. PAGE 34

THE MESSAGE REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY
"The Spirit is Driving us to Spiritual Wilderness"

***HYMN 81** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

***INVITATION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" SUSAN DODD, *organ*
– arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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.
- Please feel free to follow today's scripture readings on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fpcguest (case sensitive)
- 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 in 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:

Kathleen Emberlin and family on the death of her brother, Colin Clark Tomsey, on January 19, 2018, and

Diane Brucks McDonald and family on the death of her aunt, Helen Brucks, and

Peggy Whitmill and family on the death of her mother, Peg Docen, on February 9, 2018 at John Knox Village.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley, *Senior Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*

PLEASE VISIT <http://firstpres.cc/about-us/staff/> for the full staff listing.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

We are a praying church and have a team of prayer warriors who will pray and lift up your prayer requests and praises each week. Please write them on your connect card or email them to TriciaY@firstpres.cc to be placed on our prayer letter. If you would like to pray with someone in person, there will be a team in front of the steps after the service each week. Would you like to be a prayer warrior? Please email Tricia and she will add you to receive our weekly prayer letter.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of Russell M. Skelton, Jr. by Bonnie Renzi.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.
Available dates: March 18, April 8, April 15

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

Church-wide Lenten Bible Study to begin Wednesday, February 21:

"Renegade Gospel"
Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm following WNL! dinner.

Wednesday Night Live!

February 21, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Menu: Meatloaf. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.
For more information about *Renegade Gospel* and to RSVP for dinner, contact Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

First Informed Communion Classes

Sundays, February 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.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, February 22, in the Study and Renewal Center Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. Join us as we delve into *Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask* with Angela Thomas. This week: Mary Kay Wagner will facilitate our closing session, *I Am Broken*. For more information: Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc

Join us for First Thursday Boxed Lunches prepared by Chef Kevin. March 1 menu selection is Pasta Salad Primavera. The cost is \$8 and must be ordered in advance!

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry] Program: A One Man Circus Adventure

Thursday, February 22, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.
Paul Anderson will join us for this one of-a-kind day. There will be juggling, acrobatics, music and much more. Chef Kevin is serving Meatloaf. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

The Concert Series presents Florida Grand Opera Young Artists

NEXT Sunday afternoon, February 25 at 4pm
These outstanding vocalists will present a program of opera, secular, and Broadway music. Come and bring a friend!

Kirk Singer's 45th Annual Broadway Musical, Footloose

Tickets will be available for sale TODAY from 9:15am-11am in front of the Neumann Center. Our High School choir students have been hard at work preparing for the musical and would love your support. The show is March 8-11 including two dinner shows, a matinee and half price Thursday! Come show your support. For more information call our hotline 954-598-9324 or email tickets@firstpres.cc

We are looking for volunteers to help serve for the Friday and Saturday night dinner shows. If you would like to help, please contact Suzanne McCawley at 954-205-1851 or TheMcCawleys@gmail.com Thank you!

Happyland Registration

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

Membership:

First Step Visitor Orientation: Discover ways to connect and learn about membership at First Pres on Sunday, February 25, 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, February 25, from 10:30 – 11am in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

College Scholarship Applications for 2018-19 available on the website

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.