

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 EPHEBUS

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

9:30 AM **February 18, 2018**
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP **First Sunday in Lent**
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

"Brokenness Aside"
- All sons and Daughters

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

The Message

"The Spirit is Driving us to Spiritual Wilderness"

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

* Worship

* Benediction

**please stand if you are able*

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

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

Worship Team: Alex Karentz, Al Leonardis, Jessica Mayers, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young

Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant

Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber

This week's music

"Nothing Is Holding Me Back" – Torwalt

"Lead Me to the Cross" – Hillsong

"Holy Spirit" – Torwalt

"What Joy" (Psalm 146) – Sarah Emerson

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

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*

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. Would you like to be a prayer warrior? Please email Tricia and she will add you to receive our weekly prayer letter.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.