

**AAC [Senior Adult Ministry] Program: Peyton Robertson, the youngest member of the 2018 Forbes' 30 Under 30 Science List**

Thursday, March 1, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

We are honored to have this incredible young man join us. Peyton, 16, has five granted patents, nine additional patents pending, and in addition to being listed on the Forbes list, he was also named the Top Young Scientist. He is joining us to teach you about the basics of computer programming because it's never too late (or too early) to learn to code. Chef Kevin will be serving Chicken Pot Pie. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

**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.

**Kirk Singer's 45<sup>th</sup> 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

**Pilgrimage opportunity:**

Grow your faith by attending a spirit filled 3 and ½ day retreat April 19-22 in Silver Springs, Florida. Many people from First Pres have found this to be a life changing experience filled with God's love. Please go to [www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org](http://www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org) and click on register for an application AND call Georgiana Schuldt at 954-523-6742 and get connected with a sponsor.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf and Tennis Tournament – Save the Date!**

Sunday, April 29 at 2pm at Lago Mar Country Club in Plantation  
We certainly hope you plan on attending whether you are a player or just coming to enjoy a nice dinner and fellowship. The dinner will also include a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the young adults' mission trip to Puerto Rico for disaster relief and Rebuilding Together Broward. Please consider a donation to our silent auction and raffle. For more information contact Bill Condon at 732-670-7435 or whcondon1023@gmail.com.

# 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-sonawiremom.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



**11 AM**

**February 25, 2018  
Second 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**

Lord Jesus, help me walk with You this day. If You lead me where I fear to go, give me courage and keep me true, that I may bear my cross without shame and live in the promise of life eternal. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** SUSAN DODD, piano  
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"  
– arr. Fred Bock

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

\*HYMN 145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" MARION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Self-giving God, You poured yourself out for all humankind in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Your only Son, Jesus. You tell us the Truth, but we turn it around to fit our desires. You call us to be distinct from others in the world, but we are often too happy to blend in with the rest of pre-Christian culture. You demand we pick up our cross and follow You, but we prefer to travel the easy way and fit our discipleship into schedule. Through Your Holy Spirit, forgive us. Enable us to hear and act upon Your truth. Help us to live winsomely-distinct from the rest of the world. Empower us through Your grace to pick up our crosses and follow You on the path You lead. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness:  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia!

PASSING THE PEACE

**ANTHEM** "Kyrie" (from *Memorial*) CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Rene Clausen

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
O.T. PAGE 13

**ANTHEM** "On Eagle's Wings" (*Psalms 91*) KIRK SINGERS  
– Michael Joncas

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER** TRICIA YOUNG

**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** CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
"And the Father Will Dance" (*Zephaniah 3:14, 17*)  
– Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING TEXT**

Mark 8:31-38  
N.T. PAGE 44

**THE MESSAGE** REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY  
Basic Christian Practice:  
"It's Not the Type of Cross You Can Put in Your Pocket!"

**\*HYMN** "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" ST. ANNE  
Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
and all the world go free?  
No, there's a cross for everyone,  
and there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear  
till death shall set me free;  
and then go home my crown to wear,  
for there's a crown for me.

O precious cross! O glorious crown!  
O resurrection day!  
When Christ the Lord from heaven comes down  
and bears my soul away.

**\*INVITATION AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** "St. Anne" SUSAN DODD, organ  
– arr. David Cherwein

**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:**

Jeffrey, Deanna, Thomas and Charles Dickens, and Stephanie Chambless, and family on the death of father and grandfather, Willis Norman Dickens, MD, on February 16. A celebration of Willis' life was held on Saturday, February 24, in our Sanctuary.

Alisa and Patrick McCandless and family on the death of Patrick's mother, Patricia L. McCandless, on February 18. A private graveside ceremony was held at Evergreen Cemetery.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

Valeta Bauder and Susan Beaghen – Holy Cross Hospital  
Joyce Green – Broward General Medical Center

**If you or someone you love is in the hospital, please let us know. HIPAA laws do not allow the hospitals to call and inform us, so we rely on you. Thank you in advance.**

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:** Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley, *Senior Pastor*, Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, *Associate Pastor*, Tricia Young, *Director of Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries (AAC)*

**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 to be added to receive our weekly prayer letter.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** are given in loving memory of Ralph Dearden, by his wife, Pam Dearden.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please call 954-462-6200.  
Available dates: April 8, April 15, April 22

**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. Cost is \$5 per person.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership:**

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

**The Concert Series presents Florida Grand Opera Young Artists**

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

**Church-wide Lenten Bible Study "Renegade Gospel"**

Wednesdays, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall following WNL! dinner

**Wednesday Night Live!**

February 28, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall  
Menu: Chicken Pot Pie. \$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.

**MOMSNEXT**

Wednesday, February 28, 6–8pm in Room #NC 218  
Love the idea of the Mothers of Preschoolers group, but were unable to attend because of work, or your preschooler is now in elementary school?? Then this group is for you! We will meet on the last Wednesday of every month. Dinner and Childcare is available by reservation. For more info or to make your reservations, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 by Monday 2/26

**555 Fellowship – All are welcome!**

This Thursday, March 1 at 5:55pm at Flip Flops Dockside Eatery (3051 NE 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave) For more info, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

**Christian Women Connect Bible Study**

Thursday, March 1, in the Study and Renewal Center  
Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. Join us as we delve into *Secrets of the Vine*. The adventure of living the abundant life is the focus of this study by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. This week: Phyllis Thomas will facilitate our opening session, *Fruit-Bearing, Part A*. Course workbooks available for \$7. 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!**

**College Scholarship Applications for 2018-19 available on the website**

Completed applications are due **this Thursday, March 1, 2018**. If you have any questions, please email scholarship@firstpres.cc or call Barbara Hollowell at 954-564-5919.