

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

New Member Orientation:

Become a member of our First Pres family on Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 12 – 12:30 pm in the Binger 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, February 25, 2018, from 10:15 – 11am in the Spanish Room, S-115 (1st floor of the church building, adjacent to the kitchenette).

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.

SAVE THE DATE! 6th Annual Bike to Build Ride

February 17, 2018, 7am start time
Help First Presbyterian Sponsor our 20th Habitat for Humanity House. Brochures available throughout the church campus.

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.

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.

AAC March Trip

March 7: 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.

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.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

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 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed. As I turn to You in prayer this morning, God, bless me with a sense of purpose. As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Fanfare and Chorale on O Worship the King" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Michael Burkhart

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

*HYMN 476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LYONS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

Everlasting God, Creator of all that is, was, and is yet to come,
We gather today to celebrate the new life You breathe into us
in Christ! On this day when we come to Your Table, we pause
and silently confess both our sins against You and against our
neighbor. Hear us, Lord in our silence...
In Your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in Your
steadfast love. In the strong Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hear the Good News of Salvation"
Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Tom Fettke (Psalm 8)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40: 21– 31

TIMOTHY DOBBINS

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**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 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Harold Friedel

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION****PREACHING TEXT**

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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THE MESSAGE

REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

How to Stay Focused on the Source #2:

"It's What We Do. Developing a Rule for Faith and Life"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*Please partake of the elements as they are served to you.****HYMN 339**

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

***INVITATION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Toccata on *O Worship the King*" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Michael Burkhardt

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:

John and Marshall Watson and family on the death of their father, Welcom Henry Watson, on January 25, 2018. A celebration of Hank's life was held on February 3, 2018 at John Knox Village, and

Carol Krueger and family on the death of her husband, Paul Krueger, on January 26, 2018 in North Carolina. A celebration of Paul's life will be held in North Carolina.

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.

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 mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Elizabeth Mcilvaine (Betty) Fifer, by her children.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: March 4, March 11, March 18

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

The Souper Bowl of Caring TODAY!

Our youth will be out collecting your filled bags during the worship services. If you were unable to bring your bag with you this morning, that's ok! You can drop it off at the church office this week. Thank you for helping our youth hit their goal of 1,000 pounds! For more information, please contact Sam McCawley at Sam.McCawley@aol.com.

It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden.

It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches. – Luke 13:19

Friends of Women of Faith

Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm in the Study and Renewal Center Women of all ages are invited to gather and hear inspiring messages from Women of Faith leaders as they teach us to walk in faith with God. For more information: Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc

Caregiver Support Group

Do you help or assist a loved one who needs care? Caregivers often experience feelings of fear, concern, and stress. Fortunately, there is hope and help. First Pres Church is hosting a Caregiver Support Group the first Wednesday of each month in the Study and Renewal Center from 11am to 12:30pm. We will have our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 7**. For more questions, please contact Tricia Young at 954-598-9344.

Wednesday Night Live!

February 7, 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. Please RSVP by noon on Monday.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, February 8, 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: Gail Auguston-Koppen will facilitate *I Am Trembling Inside*. For more information: Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry] Program: Gold Coast Banjo Band

Thursday, February 8, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.
This 18-member band loves performing for us just as much as we love having them come to us. You won't want to miss this amazingly fun group! Chef Kevin is serving Chicken Parmesan. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

Little Miss Sweetheart Father-Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 8, 6pm-8pm, in Fellowship Hall
Dinner*Entertainment*Memories, Ages 4-13, Cost: \$15pp
Today is the last day to make your reservations!! Contact Cindy Vason at CindyV@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9341.

SERRV Next Sunday!

February 11, 8:30am to 12:30pm, in the Spanish Room
Remember your **Valentine** with a special gift from **SERRV!**
We have unique handcrafted items and delicious chocolate to delight those who love gifts that give back. Your purchase supports fair trade that promotes education, empowerment of women, training and materials for artisans, and a hand up for 55 communities and 25 countries.

Kirk Singer's 45th Annual Broadway Musical, Footloose

Tickets will be available for sale starting next Sunday, February 11, 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