

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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



### 9:30 AM

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

February 4, 2018  
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
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

Kirk Singers

Community Life

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

\* Worship

Sharing our Gifts

"All Things Good Again"

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

The Message

How to Stay Focused on the Source #2:

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

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\* Worship

Kirk Singers

\* Benediction

\*please stand if you are able

Online giving is available by going to [www.firstpres.cc](http://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, Nic Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young

**Projection Imagery:** Amy Merchant

**Sound, Lights, Video:** Evan Barber

### This week's music

"Death Arrested" – NorthPoint Inside Out

"All My Fountains" — Chris Tomlin

"Build Your Kingdom Here" — Rend Collective

### 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:

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*

**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

### 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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 45<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tickets@firstpres.cc)

### 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).