

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 and click on register for an application AND call Georgiana Schuldt at 954-523-6742 and get connected with a sponsor.

7th 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 FPCGolfEvent@gmail.com.

First Pres Women's Annual Spring Luncheon

Friday, May 4, 11am at Lauderdale Yacht Club, Cost: \$36 per person. Entertainment by Don Stansfield featuring "Music through the Ages" (50's, 60's, 70's, Motown, Rat Pack, and Pop) SERRV shopping day, Raffle Baskets, Bake Sale Raffle Drawing and more! Luncheon flyers are placed around the church campus. Pick one up and join us for this fabulous day of fellowship! RSVP by 4/23 to Laura Ziegler 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@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

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

CHURCH WIDE LENTEN BIBLE STUDY RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS



Feb 21st - March 21st
Pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent and throughout the year.
6:30pm / Fellowship Hall
Bring your Bibles!
Contact Mona Petersen to get plugged in! (954) 598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

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 March 1, 2018
"Secrets of the Vine" The adventure of living the abundant life is the focus of this study by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson.
Course Workbook: \$7
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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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

Baptism

* Worship

Sharing our Gifts

"Lord, I Need You" - Matt Maher

Scripture Reading

John 3: 14-21

The Message

Basic Christian Practice - Imitating Jesus:

"Believing is More than Just a Quick Passcode"

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: Albert Leonardis, Jessica Mayers, Nic Merchant, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young
Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant
Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber

This week's music

"What Joy" (Psalm 146) – Sarah Emerson
"All Things Good Again" – Justin McRoberts
"Hosanna" – Hillsong
"Holy Spirit" – Torwalt
"Set a Fire" – Will Raegan and the Pursuit

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS BEING ADMINISTERED TO:

Richard James Mueller, born on December 16, 2008, son of Lisa and Richard Mueller, and grandson of Ethel and James Parks, and Adeline Mueller, and

Julia Love Hailey, born on April 4, 2017, daughter of Dawn Abajian and Robert Hailey, granddaughter of Arlene and Alexander Abajian, and Maryann Hailey, sister of Alexandra, Gabrielle, and Matthew.

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:

Nancy Cylke, Martha, Jane and family on the death of mother and grandmother, Bess W. Hunt, on March 6, 2018. A celebration of Bess' life will be held at a later date in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

David Skiles – Kindred Hospital

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*

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.

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

Kirk Singer's 45th Annual Broadway Musical, *Footloose*

Last chance to see the show today at 2pm! Come show your support!

Membership:

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family **TODAY** from 12pm-12:30pm in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

Name Tags for Sale: TODAY 9:20am to 10:55am – \$6

The Membership Committee will be distributing and selling name tags for members at the glass top round table in the Neumann Center Lobby. They will be accepting cash and checks (made payable to First Presbyterian Church / memo: name tag).

Ballroom Dancing

Bob and Mikki Crosby will host the Spring session beginning Monday March 12 in Fellowship Hall. Intermediate 6:30pm / Beginners 7:30pm contact Mona Petersen: 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Tea and Table Talk

Tuesday, March 13 at 2 pm, Study and Renewal Center
Women of all ages are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of companionship, A FUN TEA PARTY, and discussions of many varied subjects, holidays, and memories. For more information: Contact Petey Buchholz at 954-566-1744.

Wednesday Night Live!

March 14, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Menu: Traditional Saint Patrick's day meal of Corned Beef & Cabbage. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.

Lenten Bible Study Renegade Gospel continues with session 4 and 5 on March 14. Contact Mona Petersen for more information and to RSVP for dinner: 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, March 15, 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: Leslie Depenbrock will facilitate, *No Fruit to Fruit, Part A*. Course workbooks available for \$7. For more information: Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Program: St. Patrick's Day Celebration with James Perkowski

Thursday, March 15, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.
James is a popular Tenor in South Florida and will sing a few popular Irish songs, as well as all your favorite Broadway Tunes. Remember to wear green so you don't get pinched! Chef Kevin is serving Corned Beef and Cabbage. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Tricia at 954-598-9344 / TriciaY@firstpres.cc

Nova Singers in Concert

NEXT Sunday, March 18 at 4pm
Under the direction of Mr. Chuck Stanley, this ensemble of voices is celebrating their 42nd singing season together! Their program will focus on the music of the great composer Leonard Bernstein. TICKETS must be purchased for this concert, either at the door on the day of the performance, or by going to their website: www.nova.edu/novasingers, or discounted tickets may be purchased by calling Barb Yatrousis at the church: 954-462-6200. Tickets purchased in advance are \$15. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20. Plan to come and bring a friend for this afternoon of glorious choral music!

All Church "Easter Egg Hunt"

Saturday, March 31, 12pm–2pm
If you would like to help in some way with this event, please use the Connect Card to sign up. Opportunities are available prior to the event, at the event, or by donating 2 dozen or more filled eggs by 3/23 (no chocolate or nuts please) Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.