

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

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

Dig in to scripture about women who challenge us and make learning the Bible more fun than ever!

6:30m / Room NC-216
Facilitated by Mona Petersen

JOHN'S GOSPEL: WISDOM FROM EPHESUS

Experience an interactive way of studying the Bible and the Gospel of John.

6:30m / Study & Renewal Center
Facilitated by Bill Condon

THE SIX TRUTHS OF MOTHERHOOD *Second Wednesdays of the month*

In this six-lesson study, you will tackle some of the big challenges moms face today and be reminded that God still has an amazing, abundant life planned for us as mothers...but it starts with us walking in the truth — His truth.

9:30am - bring snack / Childcare provided
Room: NC-227

Facilitated by Nikki Diefenbach
Contact: jennifer.diefenbach@gmail.com

Congregational Care Support Groups:

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

(continues) First Wednesdays
11:00am -12:30pm
Study & Renewal Center
Contact Alina Aiken: alzacs.org@gmail.com

DIVORCE CARE

This 13 week support group is for anybody who is separated or divorced.
6:30pm / Spanish Room
Contact Tricia Young: bondutr@bellsouth.net

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
Secrets of the Vine - The adventure of living the abundant life is the focus of this study by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson.
March 1 - April 26
Course Workbooks: \$7
Contact MonaP@firstpres.cc (954) 598-9345

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

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

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

God of salvation, our Lord entered His passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like His and dwell forever in You, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

OPENING VOLUNTARY "The Palms" ROBIN MCEACHERN,
– Gabriel Fauré organ

CHORAL INTROIT "Bring Palm Branches" CALVIN CHOIR
– Cindy Berry CAROLER CHOIR
GRETCHEN FASULO, conductor

CALL TO WORSHIP REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

*HYMN 89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord of Creation, how we love a parade! We love pomp and circumstance, we enjoy cheering on 'a winner', and we desire being filled up and feeling good about ourselves. Yet You are a God of beautiful simplicity who empties Himself and sides with the broken and lost. Holy Spirit, help us to empty ourselves of all that is "Us" and fill us anew with the Spirit of Jesus so that we can be blessed to be a blessing as You were and are to Your church. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM "Antiphonal Hosanna" KIRK SINGERS
– G. Alan Smith CATHEDRAL CHOIR

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:5-11
N.T. PAGE 197

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE NICHOLAS MERCHANT
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 "How Great Thou Art" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. Dan Forrest

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

PREACHING TEXT Mark 11:1-11
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THE MESSAGE REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY
"Everybody Loves a Parade"

***HYMN 88** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***INVITATION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Toccatà" SUSAN DODD, *organ*
– Denis Bedard

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:

Teddy Emery and family on the death of her husband, Ervin Albert Emery, Jr., on March 19, 2018. A celebration of Erv's life was held on March 23, 2018 at All Saints Episcopal Church, and

Philipa, Mark, Joseph and Jessica Bradley on the passing of Philipa's mother.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Lauvita Baldwin – Broward General Medical Center

George Edward Olsen – 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*, Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*

PLEASE VISIT <http://firstpres.cc/about-us/staff/> for the full staff listing.

THANK YOU to Jeremy Hayes of Runway Growers for the loan of our palm trees for today's Palm Sunday celebration!

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 DarleenC@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 Darleen to be added to receive our weekly prayer letter.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of David Forbes McKnight, by his wife, Martha McKnight.

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. Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed.



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).

Good Friday Lunch: to be held in Fellowship Hall, directly following the 12pm/noon March 30 Good Friday service. Light fare of Sandwiches (tuna or turkey).

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.

Pebbles of Faith ROCK STAR AWARD FOR MARCH

Maxine Adams – You are a ROCK STAR!!! Everyone who knows Maxine would agree. Maxine faithfully reaches out to anyone she hears of that is in the hospital or under the weather by sending them a card or visiting them in the hospital. The cards she sends are a blessing to everyone who receives them. Maxine's gift of compassion and caring are cherished by all. For the many people that have been touched and overwhelmed with love and prayers, we all say Thank You, Maxine - you are a ROCK STAR. Like pebbles tossed into water, the rippling effect of your kindness and faith spread to those around you.

Pebbles of Faith will meet Tuesday March 27 at 6pm in Room 218 - Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. Contact Kim White: west_kim@bellsouth.net

Ballroom Dancing

No classes Monday March 26 and April 2. Classes resume on April 9.

Wednesday Night Live!

WNL! Dinner and all programs suspended March 28 in observance of Holy Week. Dinner and programs will resume April 4.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

No meeting Thursday March 29.

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

No AAC this week – Have a blessed Easter! **Our program will resume on Thursday, April 5 with Senior Moments, the Unforgettable Band**