

### 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



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.

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

\* Worship

Community Life

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

\* Worship

Sharing our Gifts

"To Know Your Name" - Matt Crocker

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

The Message

"Everybody Loves a Parade"

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

\* Worship

\* 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:** 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

"Unstoppable God" – Elevation Worship

"Hosanna" – Hillsong

"Lord, I Need You" – Matt Maher

"Your Promises" – Elevation Worship

"The King Is Among Us" – Elevation Worship

### 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:

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*

**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 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.

### 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 Bininger 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***

### 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 [FPCGolfEvent@gmail.com](mailto:FPCGolfEvent@gmail.com).