

Membership:

Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family on Sunday, May 13, 2018 from 12 – 12:30pm in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Program: Bingo and Trivia with Nic Merchant

Thursday, April 26, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

The AAC year wouldn't be complete without a day with Nic- Bingo, Trivia, Fun and Prizes!, Chef Phil will be serving Pork Tenderloin with creamy caper sauce. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

Lou Merchant – You are a ROCK STAR!



Lou Merchant, long-time member of FPC, husband of Mary Helen Merchant and father to Nic Merchant, is quite a hero. An older member, George Schipper, had shared with Lou that his bathroom door has been off the hinges for a long time and it was bothersome. Lou went to George's house and fixed the door for him. What a perfect example of acting as Jesus would! Lou – you are a ROCK STAR Like pebbles tossed into

the water, the rippling effect of your kindness and faith spread to those around you.

Annual Boy Scout Troop 190 Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 28, 5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall

Featuring food from their Sponsor Olive Garden Italian Restaurant; Adults \$10, Children \$5; Silent Auction; Chinese Raffles. Scouts will be selling tickets TODAY before and after worship services. Credit cards will be accepted. Questions? Contact Debbie Lorenz at 954-647-9586.

SERRV SALE – NEW DATE!

Looking for a special gift for Mother's Day? Please join us in the Spanish Room **Sunday, April 29** from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Browse our wide assortment of Fair Trade jewelry and accessories for every style and occasion. From handmade baskets to coffee and chocolate, we have well-designed quality crafts and delicious specialty foods from our partners around the world. Join us in giving a hand up to these artisans and farmers. Please note that SERRV will return on Sundays at FPC in the fall of 2018. Thank you for your support.

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



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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 EPHEBUS

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 GROUPS

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

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

DIVORCE CARE

New 13-week group will start in June. For information, 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

FRIENDS OF WOMEN OF FAITH

First Tuesdays / 7:00pm
Study & Renewal Center
Contact: Martha Kramer:
mkramer113@bellsouth.net

TEA & TABLE TALK

Second Tuesdays / 2:00pm
Study & Renewal Center
Contact: Petey Bucckolz:
margaretbuchholz@bellsouth.net

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 (Neumann 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

11 AM

April 22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Thank You, loving God, for bringing me to this time of worship. Refresh me and heal me again. Remind me of the many ways in which You have blessed my life with Your abundant love and presence. Guide my heart, mind and spirit that I may hear Your words and be driven to active service to Your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads me to life, I pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Jubilate" ORGAN AND PIANO
– Darrin Wolford

CHORAL INTROIT "Jesus Loves Me" HAPPYLAND PRE-K3
– Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

***HYMN 138** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" NICA EA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Good Shepherd, You lead us and guide us in the way we should go. You have set before us the way to life, having taken upon Yourself our sin and death, so that we might live forever. Yet we have wandered from Your fold and strayed from Your path; we have chosen to stumble in darkness rather than walking in Your light. By Your merciful Spirit, draw us back to You, and set our feet on Your sure path, that step by step, and day by day, we may truly glorify Your holy name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri"
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM "Praise Ye the Lord" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Bill Alexander

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY
Jackson Ryan Abbate

***BAPTISMAL HYMN** "Baptized in Water"
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK
John 10:11-18
N.T. PAGE 103

ANTHEM "Down By the Riverside" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. John Rutter ALBERT LEONARDIS, percussion

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 "Praise His Holy Name" KIRK SINGERS
– Keith Hampton

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

PREACHING TEXT Psalm 23
O.T. PAGE 501

THE MESSAGE "The Good Shepherd" NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

***HYMN 170** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" CRIMOND

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***BENEDICTION**

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IS BEING ADMINISTERED TO:

Jackson Ryan Abbate, born on July 25, 2017, son of Jenny and Ryan Abbate, grandson of Glenda and Florio Abbate, and Dottie and Steve Jackson, great-grandson of Mary Lee Bounds, Mickey Abbate, and brother of Grace.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Bradford Sanders and family on the death of his mother, Grace Walker Sanders on March 27, 2018 in Wilmington, North Carolina. A celebration of Grace's life was held at First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, North Carolina on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

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 B. Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry and Candidate for Associate Pastor*

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

THE WORSHIP FLOWERS are given in honor of the Associate Pastor Candidate and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee by the Deacons.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: April 29, May 6, May 13

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 receive our weekly prayer letter.

NO FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST TODAY

Breakfast will resume next Sunday, April 29, in the St. Andrew's Room from 9:15 am – 11 am. 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 Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for TODAY at the conclusion of the single service of worship at 11am for the purpose of hearing and voting upon a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Designated Term (APNC, DT). All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

7th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner

Sunday, April 29 at Lago Mar Country Club in Plantation
We have sold out the golf tournament but there are still plenty of tickets available for the dinner. Please come out and support the missions of the church including the College and Young Adults mission trip to Puerto Rico to help in disaster relief repairs following Hurricane Maria. Locally in our community we are supporting Rebuilding Together Broward who provides much needed home repairs to the elderly, disabled and veterans of our county. Tickets are only \$40 for a wonderful dinner at Lago Mar Country Club featuring a prime rib carving station. Dinner starts at 6pm. We are also looking for donated items for our silent auction - restaurant gift cards, bottles of wine, etc. For more information contact Bill Condon at 732-670-7435 or FPCGolfEvent@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Live!

April 18, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Pork Tenderloin with creamy caper sauce. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, April 26, in the Study and Renewal Center Fellowship at 9:45am, Study at 10am. The last session of Bruce Wilkinson's "Secrets Of the Vine" facilitated by Gail Auguston-Koppen. For more information contact MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345.

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! **Last call, RSVP deadline is tomorrow, Monday, April 23!** RSVP to Laura Ziegler 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc