

**Attention All 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!!**

On Sunday, May 6, First Presbyterian Church will recognize and honor our 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates during the 9:30am worship service. Please RSVP to CindyV@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9341 to ensure that your graduate is included on this special day.

**Mother and Son Dance**

Thursday, May 10, 6pm – 8pm  
Special and fun night for moms and their sons. RSVP deadline is May 4, 2018. Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

**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).

**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

**JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM**

Step out of your "circle of comfort" and find out how you can make the difference of an eternity for someone standing near you.  
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  
Women of all ages are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of companionship, A FUN TEA PARTY and discussion of varied subjects. Contact: Petey Buchholz (954) 566-1744

**MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

7:45am (*continues*)  
Room: NC-202 / Neumann Center Library

**PEBBLES OF FAITH**

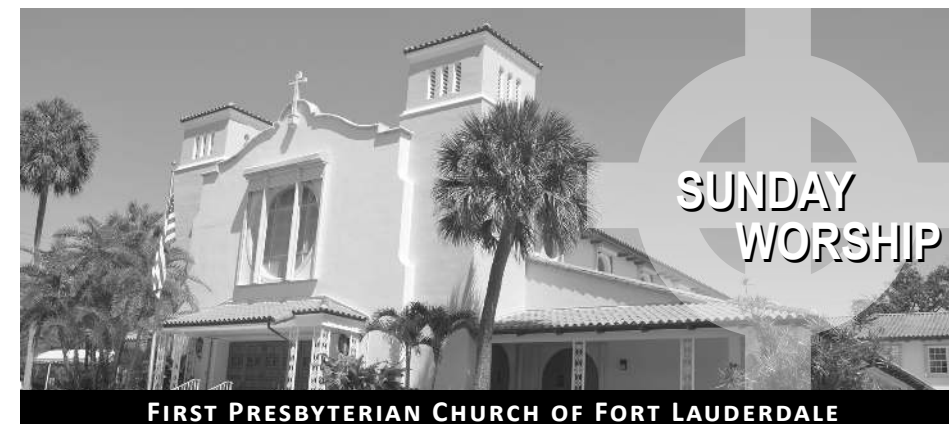
**EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
*"THE ARMOR OF GOD" by Priscilla Shirer*  
Fourth Tuesdays of the month  
6:00pm Potluck Dinner /study & discussion following  
Room: NC-218  
Facilitated by Kim White  
west\_kim@bellsouth.net

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECT!**

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
We will not meet May 3 and May 10  
*"MISSING PIECES - Real hope when life doesn't make sense."*  
May 17 - June 28  
Course Workbooks: \$10  
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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**11 AM**

**April 29, 2018**  
**Fifth 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**

Almighty God, we pray for Your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** "I Love to Tell the Story" SUSAN DODD,  
– arr. Emma Lou Diemer organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP** REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

**\*HYMN 487** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness:  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia!

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**ANTHEM** "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (Psalm 8)  
– Tom Fettke CATHEDRAL CHOIR

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT  
Psalm 93  
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**ANTHEM** "Give Me Jesus"  
– Howard Helvey CATHEDRAL CHOIR

**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** "Song of Peace" KIRK SINGERS  
– Donna Butler  
"How Great is Our God"  
– arr. Keith Christopher

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING TEXT** John 1:35-42  
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**THE MESSAGE** REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY  
*Basic Christian Practices: "The Essentials of the E-Word"*

**\*HYMN 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" FESTAL SONG

**\*INVITATION AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** "Hail to the Brightness" SUSAN DODD,  
– arr. Emma Lou Diemer organ



**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:**

Brooke Bass and family on the death of her mother, Mary Julia Davison Mills, on April 19, 2018 in Savannah, Georgia. A celebration of Mary's life will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 2pm in our Sanctuary, and Lynn Callaghan and family on the death of her aunt, Adele Partrick, on April 21, 2018. A celebration of Adele's life will be held at a later date.

***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.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please call 954-462-6200.  
Available dates: May 6, May 13, May 20

**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.

**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

**SERRV SALE TODAY!**

Looking for a special gift for Mother's Day? Please join us in the Spanish Room **TODAY** 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.

**Wednesday Night Live!**

May 2, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Menu: meatloaf with brown gravy \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.

**Christian Women Connect Bible Study**

We will not meet on May 3 or May 10. Bible study will resume on May 17 with "Missing Pieces: Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense". Limited quantities of workbooks available for \$10. For more information contact MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345.

**Mission for Mother's Day "Miscellaneous Baubles"**

Calling all Ladies! Please scour your jewelry cases for never or rarely worn costume jewelry to gift to the mothers residing at Women In Distress of Broward County. Bring your collections to our Spring Luncheon on May 4, 2018. We will be serving dinner and celebrating Mother's Day with them on May 10. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, and for more info contact Phyllis Thomas at thoffices@gmail.com.

**AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]**

**Program: Broward Women's Choral Group**

Thursday, May 3, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall. This hard working group of women will present their Spring Concert for us. Every year they WOW us with their beautiful voices and professionalism. Our sailors will be back with us this year as we celebrate Fleet week! Chef Phil will be serving Meatloaf with brown gravy, cost: \$9. RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

**Director of Youth and College Ministries Position Available**

First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale is seeking an Interim Director of Youth and College Ministries. This position is full-time for one year and requires recent experience in Youth Ministry. Contact Kathy Mayers with any interest by emailing kathymayers@gmail.com before May 4, 2018.

**555 Fun and Fellowship**

Thursday, May 3 at 5:55pm at Flip Flops Dockside Eatery  
Contact: Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341