

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 on Sundays April 15 and 22 before and after worship services. Credit cards will be accepted. Questions? Contact Debbie Lorenz at 954-647-9586.

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

April 8, 2018

Second 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

Dear God, we come to worship You today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear You. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

OPENING VOLUNTARY MARCO NAVARETTE, oboe
SUSAN DODD, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

*HYMN 102 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

*UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION AND SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

Infinite Wisdom, you bring the dawn of each new day. We praise your name for sending Christ with the promise of new life. You scatter the clouds of darkness so that our eyes can behold the truth of your love. You replace the finality of death with an affirmation of life without ending. You burst upon our being with each ray of sunlight, bringing light to illumine our world and our hearts with the presence of your redeeming grace. Yet, even though your physical Creation proclaims your goodness all around us, we still often fail to believe that you love us. In such doubt we pursue paths that separate us from you. Holy God, turn our hearts toward you, forgive us of our disbelief, and hear us now as we offer you your silent personal confession...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord:
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM "Grace" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Mark Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133
O.T. PAGE 575

**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 "This is the Day the Lord Has Made" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Craig Courtney

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

PREACHING TEXT John 20:19-31
N.T. PAGE 114

THE MESSAGE "Peace Be With You..." REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the elements as they are served to you.

***HYMN 113** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Finale from Concerto No. 5" SUSAN DODD, organ
– G. F. Handel

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.

WE WELCOME Marco Navarette as our guest instrumentalist for this morning's service. Marco is principal oboist with The Symphony of the Americas and has played here many times as a member of the orchestra and instrumental soloist.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

David Ball – 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*, Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*

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 receive our weekly prayer letter.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: April 22, April 29, May 6

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Please note: Breakfast will not be held today due to the blood drive. All breakfasts will resume on April 15.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 22 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 – 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.

Membership:

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family TODAY 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

The Membership Committee will be selling and distributing 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).

Blood Drive TODAY

Sunday, April 8, 8am – to 1pm in NC-101, St. Andrews Room

Ballroom Dancing Resumes Tomorrow

Held Mondays in Fellowship Hall, Intermediate 6:30pm / Beginners 7:30pm. Bob and Mikki Crosby host the Spring session which began March 12. Contact Mona Petersen: 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Wednesday Night Live!

April 11, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Meat and Cheese Lasagna. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, April 12, 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. Course workbooks available for \$7. For more information: Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 or MonaP@firstpres.cc

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Program: Lyn Baldwin, singer

Thursday, April 12, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

Lyn is a super talented singer who will lift your spirits with her beautiful voice and fun antics. Join us for this special day and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal of roasted Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes. Cost: \$9. RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

SERRV Sale NEXT Sunday!

Looking for a special gift for Mother's Day? Please join us in the Spanish Room next Sunday, April 15 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.

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.