

**First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale  
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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 (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

**9:30 AM**

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**May 13, 2018**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
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.

**Kirk Singers**

"Praise His Holy Name" - Keith Hampton

**Community Life**

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

**\* Worship**

**Sharing our Gifts**

"A Mother's Love" - Mark Patterson  
Sung by the Kirk Singers, Ragan Jacaty, soloist

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 1:1-11

**The Message**

"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"  
Nicholas B. Merchant

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**\* 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:** Nicholas B. Merchant

**Worship Team:** Ragan Jacaty, Al Leonardis, Jessica Mayers, Nicholas Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg

**Projection Imagery:** Amy Merchant

**Sound, Lights, Video:** Evan Barber

### This week's music

"Oh How I Need You (Find You)" – All Sons and Daughters

"All Things Good Again" – Justin McRoberts

"Brokenness Aside" – All Sons and Daughters

"Lay Me Down" – Chris Tomlin

### 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:

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

Sally Cash and family on the death of her daughter, Amy Lynn Cash, on May 7, 2018. A celebration of Amy's life will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, May 19 at 3pm, and

Jenny and James Riley and family on the death of their son, Barrett Riley, on May 8, 2018.

### HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

**Richard Passmore, Frances Young – Holy Cross 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:** Nicholas B. Merchant, *Associate 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 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

### Come have a picture taken with the Mom in your life!

In the Neumann Center after each worship service. Prints can be collected next Sunday, May 20. Carnations will also be given out to our special ladies.

### Membership:

**Member Orientation:** Become a member of our First Pres family TODAY from 12 – 12:30pm 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).

### New Wednesday Evening Bible study

"Just Walk Across the Room: simple steps pointing people to faith"  
6:30pm in the Study & Renewal Center, facilitated by Bill Condon  
For more information contact [MonaP@firstpres.cc](mailto:MonaP@firstpres.cc) / 954-598-9345

### Attention High School Seniors, College Graduates and Professional/ Graduate School Grads!!

Graduate Sunday is June 3. We are working on the Graduate Sunday program and need the following information from you:

- Name of High School, College or Professional/Graduate School
  - High School Graduates: A copy of your senior picture and the name of the college you will be attending and what term (i.e., summer, fall)
  - College/Grad school graduates: Name & type of degree you received
- Please have this information along with your picture, to us no later than this **Sunday, May 20**. Contact Nic Merchant if you have any questions, [NicM@FirstPres.cc](mailto:NicM@FirstPres.cc) or 954-598-9361

### Wednesday Night Live!

May 16, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Roast Pork with Craisin Wine Sauce. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.

### Christian Women Connect Bible Study

**New Bible study to begin on May 17:** "Missing Pieces: Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense". Phyllis Thomas will facilitate Session 1. Limited quantities of workbooks available Contact [MonaP@firstpres.cc](mailto:MonaP@firstpres.cc) / 954-598-9345.

### AAC [Senior Adult Ministry] Program: *Jolanta Prax, Pianist*

Thursday, May 17, 11:15am in Fellowship Hall  
Jolanta is back by popular demand. This Polish pianist takes our breath away every time she performs for us and we are thrilled she is able to come back this year. Chef Phil will be serving Roast Pork with Craisin Wine Sauce, cost: \$9. RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc)

### VBS Save the Date!

August 6-10, 9am to 12 noon. More information coming soon!!!

### 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