

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 or 954-598-9361

Christian Women Connect

Missing Pieces Bible study continues May 24 at 10am in the Study & Renewal Center. Mona Petersen facilitating Session 2. Study guide \$10, limited quantity. Contact Mona Petersen: MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345

Women In Distress Mother's Day Celebration hosted by Christian Women Connect was a huge success!!! We treated the women to dinner. Thank you all who donated jewelry to make it special for the mothers at Women In Distress Shelter and outreach programs.

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry] Program: Eric Werse, One-man band

Thursday, May 24, 11:15am in Fellowship Hall
Eric plays guitar and will sing all the songs you love. If you have been on the Jungle Queen cruise in the last 30 years you may recognize him. Chef Phil will be serving Lasagna, cost: \$9. RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 10 will be an exciting day in the life of First Presbyterian Church!!

- There will be a **single service of worship at 11am** to celebrate the installation of **Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley** as our Senior Pastor.
- This Sunday will also be **Rev. Dr. Chris Benek's** final Sunday with us and we will celebrate his ministry on June 10 with a Cookout on the Village Patio at 12 noon **and** have a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Basketball Court/Parking lot.
- At 5pm we will celebrate the **Ordination and Installation of Nicholas B. Merchant as Associate Pastor** of First Presbyterian Church! Refreshments will be served immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars now and don't miss Sunday, June 10!

All Church Workday

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 8:30am Registration & coffee, 9am Work begins, 12pm Fabulous lunch
Join us for Fun, Fellowship and Food as we spruce up our Family Village Campus for the Grand Opening Ceremony on June 10. Please bring your own work gloves and any gardening tools you may have. No experience necessary!
RSVP to Darleen Callaghan at 954-598-9343 / DarleenC@firstpres.cc

ROCK STAR AWARDS FOR May – Dawn Abajian



Dawn Abajian – You are a ROCK STAR! Dawn came to our church two years ago with her daughter, Alex, who is now almost six years old. Dawn, then pregnant with her second child, was driving home in a downpour and noticed a woman sitting on the side of the road completely drenched. Dawn went home and brought her an umbrella and some food. After talking with the woman, Dawn learned that this woman had worked in the Broward County Jail as a corrections officer and had been unable to work for many years due to a shotgun wound to her head, which left her homeless. Dawn was able to get a phone number from the woman of her case worker to see if she could get her some help and to possibly reunite the woman with her family elsewhere in Florida. Thank you Dawn – you are a ROCK STAR!! Like pebbles tossed into the water, the rippling effect of your kindness and faith spread to those around you.

New Member Orientation

Become a member of our First Pres family **next** Sunday, May 27 from 10:30 – 11am in the Bininger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

Cheer Camp registrations have begun!!

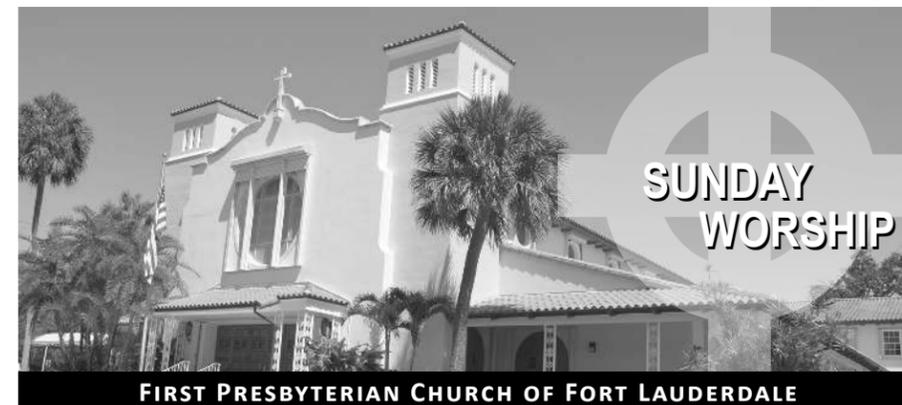
June 18-22 and/or June 25-29, 9am–3pm, Ages 4-12
Registration forms are now available on our website for this awesome summer program! Early registration discount ends on 5/28. Registration deadline: 6/4. For more information, please contact: Cindy Vason 954-598-9341 / CindyV@firstpres.cc

Vacation Bible School!

August 6-10, 9am-12pm*, PK4–5th Grade (*Full-day program available)
At *Rolling River Rampage* kids will experience the ride of a lifetime with God! For more information, please contact: Cindy Vason 954-598-9341 / CindyV@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



11 AM

**May 20, 2018
Day of Pentecost**

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

Holy One, ignite within me a fiery passion for Your mission in the world today. Warm me by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that I may feel Your kindling blaze within, urging me to do Your greater good. Make me wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within me to share Your love in the world. Show me how to use the gifts You've given me, as I listen for Your truth in the gentle breeze of Your Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

OPENING VOLUNTARY SUSAN DODD, organ
"Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"
– J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends to burn in our hearts anew.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!
Leader: Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence blowing afresh throughout the world.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!
Leader: Across the barriers of language and culture, Christ's message of love and grace is heard.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!
Leader: Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance as we search for the Spirit of Truth.

People: Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen. (Acts 2, John 15–16)

***HYMN 130** "Let Every Christian Pray" LAUDES DOMINI

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Pentecost, as You have done in every age and place You pour out Your Spirit today upon Your people, loosening our tongues to declare the Good News, binding our hearts together in community, and joining our hands in mission. Yet we resist the work of Your Spirit among us. We'd rather die under our own control, than live in the power of Your Spirit.

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Our lives deny the good news of Your love, and our life together betrays the unity of the Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God. Breathe new life into us, and fill us with the fire of Your love, that we may proclaim with passion Your glory revealed to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

ANTHEM "Blest Are They" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– David Haas AND KIRK SINGERS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS
Acts 2:1-21
N.T. PAGE 119

CREED (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come, Spirit, Come" KIRK SINGERS
– Mary Kay Beall

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 "Spirit of God" CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– John Carter

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

PREACHING TEXT Ezekiel 37:1-14
O.T. 806

THE MESSAGE "You shall live" NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

***HYMN** "On Pentecost They Gathered" AURELIA

On Pentecost they gathered Quite early in the day.
A band of Christ's disciples, To worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, Filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing Inspired each person there.

God pours the Holy Spirit On all who would believe,
On women, men, and children Who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, Bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, Responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven On that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us In all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen And tongues a-flame with praise,
So folk of every nation Glad songs of joy shall raise.

***INVITATION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" SUSAN DODD,
– David Cherwien 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.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

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, Timothy B. Dobbins, Pastoral Associate

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in honor of Sue Botkin's 85th birthday by her family.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: July 1, July 15, July 22

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.

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

A Celebration of the Ministry of Timothy B. Dobbins TODAY!

Please join us across the street **TODAY** in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11am worship service as we celebrate Tim's retirement and his many years of ministry here at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale! This is Tim's final Sunday with us as he and his wife, Teresa, will be moving to North Carolina.

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 / 954-598-9345

Wednesday Night Live!

May 23, Dinner 5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
Menu: Meat or Vegetable Lasagna. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free.