

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



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ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WINTER / SPRING 2018

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Evening Studies Conclude May 30

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

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

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

THE SIX TRUTHS OF MOTHERHOOD

We will gather on the following Wednesdays: 6/13, 7/18, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, Tackle some of the big challenges moms face and be reminded that God 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

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

DIVORCE CARE

New 13-week group begins June 6.
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 “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

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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

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.

May 20, 2018

The Day of Pentecost

* Worship

Community Life

Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek

Happyland

Kindergarten Baccalaureate

* Worship

Sharing our Gifts

“Desert Song” - Hillsong

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The Message

“You shall live”

Nicholas B. Merchant

* Worship

* Benediction

*please stand if you are able

Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

Preacher: Nicholas B. Merchant

Worship Team: Emily Grossutti, Ragan Jacaty, Al Leonardis, Jessica Mayers, Nicholas Merchant, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young

Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant

Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber

This week's music

"Holy Spirit" – Torwalt

"What Joy" (Psalm 146) – Sarah Emerson

"O Praise the Name (Anástasis)" – Hillsong

Kindergarten Graduates:

Blair Atkinson	Asher Lambert
Juan Carlos Bellu	Olivia Matak
Francesca Bonaldo	Lawrence Mullin
Alexandra Hainey	Samantha Osa
Tyler Jones	Jameson Riley
Eloise Keane	Madelyn Salas
Kaiden Kocher	Derin Tirman
Brady Lake	Victoria Vasquez

Kindergarten Teacher: Ms. Doreen Gil

Teaching Assistant: Ms. Denise Forum

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.

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.

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*

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

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.

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