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FPC BEACH NIGHT
Tonight, July 8 @ 6pm-8pm
Fort Lauderdale Beach South

take Las Olas Eastbound - turn south on A1A
turn left into Fort Lauderdale Park parking lot
Gather where you see the picnic tables and palm trees

Bring a dish to share!
Bring a friend or two!
Enjoy fellowship and fun time at the beach
with your church family!

For more information about tonight's Beach Night, contact:
kathymayers@gmail.com

**Summer
Potluck Dinner
and
Movie Night**

ALL SAINTS
BASED ON THE INSPIRING TRUE STORY

**Wednesday, July 11th
Fellowship Hall**

Based on a true story, a salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock of a tiny Episcopal (Anglican) church in Smyrna, Tennessee is ordered to shut it down. He attempts to save the church, as well as a group of refugees from Karen State, Myanmar in Southeast Asia.

POTLUCK DINNER 5:00PM / MOVIE 6:00PM

We will provide the main dish, YOU can bring:
(depending on the first letter of your last name)

A-H: Dessert / I-R: Veggie or Side Dish / S-Z: Salad

Contact Mona Petersen: 954.598.9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc



11 AM

July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday after 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

Fire of life, thank You for bringing me safely through the night. As this new day dawns let me receive it as a gift and a blessing. Open my mind and senses to be fully awake to You. Attune my body to the rhythms of the day so that I can love and serve others as You guide me. If I experience hardship or pain or if I am exposed to danger, send Your Holy Spirit to help me to put my trust more fully in You. Remind me that in life and in death I belong to You. Let me walk gently on the earth, thankful for Your providence and grace. When the day is done and it is time to rest, grant that I can offer the day to You with thanksgiving.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MICHAEL SAYERS,
piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 439** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Holy Three, Holy One, triune God,
we confess that our lives do not reflect the hope
that You have overcome sin and death.
We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness
than we are with the power of Your love.
In fear, we worship idols;
in despair, we collapse in hopelessness;
in rage, we seek to dominate others.
O God of David, forgive us.
O Son of David, have mercy on us.
O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace.
Send us out with the good news:
nothing can withstand the victory of the cross
and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**



WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE

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***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

Surely it is God who saves me,
I shall trust in Him and not be afraid;
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and He will be my Savior.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

**COMMISSIONING OF
HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP**

ANTHEM “River in Judea” CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– John Leavitt

SCRIPTURE READINGS Proverbs 27: 17; Job 42: 1-2
O.T. PAGES 609; 488

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 JON BOCH

OFFERTORY “Many Gifts, One Spirit” CATHEDRAL CHOIR
(I Corinthians 12:4)
– Allen Pote

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PREACHING TEXT Isaiah 43: 19
O.T. PAGE 672

THE MESSAGE LIA HOUSE AND RYAN KLEMENTS
“Where Faith Comes Alive”

***HYMN 343** “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

***INVITATION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE MICHAEL SAYERS,
organ

*If you would like to pray with someone in person,
there will be a team in front of the steps after the service.*



WELCOME GUESTS!

- Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment outside the Neumann Center 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 Summer Schedule:
9:30 am: PreK3 Sunday school in Room #NC120
 PreK4-3rd grade meet across the street in the Watts Chapel
 4th & 5th grade are invited to attend worship with their parents
 (Nursery available during the 9:30am & 11am services)

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:
Sherry Friedlander-Olsen and family on the death of her husband, George Edward Olsen, on June 25, 2018. A celebration of George’s life will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 4pm.

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. Nicholas B. Merchant, Associate Pastor, John Boch, Ryan Klements and Lia House

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in honor of Andrea Passmore’s birthday on July 13, by her mother and father.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.
Available dates: July 15, July 22, August 6

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.

THE PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY enables you to let someone know that you have just prayed for them. It is an easy, anonymous, and effective way of providing encouragement and comfort during a difficult time. Please call the church office if you, or someone you know, could use this means of caring support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership:

New 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).

Potluck Dinner and Summer Movie

Wednesday July 11 in Fellowship Hall
Dinner at 5pm / Movie at 6pm “All Saints” PG
We will provide the main dish, YOU can bring:
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Contact MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345

Christian Women Connect: Thursday morning Bible study

Study will resume on July 12 with a 4-week study looking at three world religions through a Christian perspective.

Divorce Care support group for those who have gone through or are experiencing separation or divorce. This 13-week session begins Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30pm in the Spanish Room. Facilitated by Kristin Carpenter, Tricia and Ronnie Young. Book: \$20.
Contact: bondutr@bellsouth.net

Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School

August 6-10, 9am-12pm / Full-day option also available
At Rolling River Rampage kids will experience the ride of a lifetime with God! For more information or to sign up, please visit www.firstpres.cc under Children’s Ministry or contact Cindy Vason 954-598-9341.

Our VBS Rafters need YOU!! VBS Workshop for Volunteers

Saturday, July 14, 10am – 1pm and Wednesday, July 25, 10am – 1pm
Help is also needed the week of VBS (August 6-10)
Join our volunteers as we begin to create everything needed for “Rolling River Rampage”!! For more info, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]: AAC Summer Lunch Bunch

Thursday, July 19 - *Rendezvous French Bakery & Bistro*
(1576 E. Oakland Park Blvd)
Join us as we gather at a different local restaurant at 11:30am once a month on Thursdays. Separate checks will be honored.
Please RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 so that we can give a count to the restaurant. Let us know if you would like to ride the church bus. Space is limited.

Happyland Registration for FPC Members has begun

Call for a tour and find out why Happyland is right for your family:
954-463-6051