

**Thank You!**

Children’s Ministry would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers for the giving of your time this past week!! It takes many helpers to make a program of this size successful, and it would not have been possible without each and every one of you!

We would also like to thank all those who contributed to our “Back to School” mission in which we were able to fill 100 backpacks!! The backpacks will be given to Hope South Florida, The Pantry of Broward, Lauderhill Point, Angel Tree, Women in Distress and the remaining backpacks will be given to local public schools.

Your generous donations certainly will put smiles on many of the children in our community!

# ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUMMER 2018

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

**THE SIX TRUTHS OF MOTHERHOOD**

We will gather on the following Wednesdays: 8/15, 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

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

WNL! Dinner (Wednesday Night Live!) will resume September 5th.

Spiritual Formation Ministry Fair September 5th.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks!

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE SUPPORTGROUPS**

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

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

**DIVORCE CARE**

This 13-week group will meet from 7/11 - 10/3 and is for anyone who has gone through or is going through a divorce or separation. Wednesdays / 6:30pm Study & Renewal Center Facilitated by Kristin Carpenter, Tricia and Ronnie Young Work Book: \$20 For information, contact Tricia Young: bondutr@bellsouth.net Visit the DivorceCare website: www.divorcecare.org

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN FOR EVERYONE**

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 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**

Four week session begins July 12 “Christianity and World Religions: A Christian Perspective” 9:45am Fellowship 10:00am Study & discussion Contact MonaP@firstpres.cc (954) 598-9345

**MEN’S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY / LUNCH**

12:00pm 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**

**August 12, 2018**  
**Twelfth 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**

*Redeeming God,  
You satisfy our soul’s hunger  
with the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.  
Filled with Your steadfast love, let us live in unity and love,  
intentionally working to share with the needy,  
feeding others with the bread of kindness,  
touching them with the fingers of tenderness,  
and bathing them in forgiveness. Amen.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

**OPENING VOLUNTARY “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

SUSAN DODD,  
– Michael Burkhardt organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*HYMN 473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (in unison)

REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

**The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, in order to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God. The Spirit calls us to grow up in spiritual maturity, to measure up to full stature of Christ. We must no longer be spiritual children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine - by people’s trickery or by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, working properly and joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.**

– Ephesians 4:11-16, paraphrased

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**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Amazing Grace”

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

**ANTHEM** “Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out” CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– arr. Mark Hayes

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 6: 35, 41-52  
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**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** “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– J.S. Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING TEXT** Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2  
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**THE MESSAGE** “The Measure of a Word” REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

**\*HYMN 417** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” REGENT SQUARE

**\*INVITATION AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** “La Réjouissance” MICHAEL SAYERS,  
– G. F. Handel 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  
 PreK4-3<sup>rd</sup> grade meet across the street in the Watts Chapel  
 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Robert and Julie Johns and families on the death of Robert’s mother, Jacqueline Johns, on July 31, 2018. A celebration of Jacqueline’s life will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2018 in Watts Chapel, and

Mike Shaw and family on the death of Mike’s cousin, Brynn Noelle Tunney, on July 31, 2018 in Bordentown, New Jersey, and

Martha and David Auld and families on the death of David’s mother, Mona Louise Auld, on August 6, 2018. A celebration of Mona’s life was held on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

Harry Vordermeier – 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:** Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley, *Senior Pastor*, Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, *Associate Pastor*

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

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: September 9, September 16, September 23

**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.

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

**CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, August 19, 2018 immediately at the conclusion of the 11am service of worship for the purpose of hearing and voting upon a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee. All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

**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).

**Tea and Table Talk**

Tuesday, August 14 at 2pm, Study and Renewal Center  
Women of all ages are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of companionship, A FUN TEA PARTY, and discussions of many varied subjects, holidays, and memories. For more information: Contact Petey Buchholz at 954-566-1744.

**Christian Women Connect Bible Study will resume Thursday Sept 6.**

Save the Date! Join us for the Welcome Back Social September 6 at 10am in the Study & Renewal Center.

**Divorce Care**

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Study & Renewal Center  
New 13 week session July 11 - Oct 3. For anyone who is going or who has gone through a divorce or separation. Facilitated by Kristen Carpenter, Tricia and Ronnie Young. Work book: \$20. For more information please visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) or email Tricia at [bondutr@bellsouth.net](mailto:bondutr@bellsouth.net).

**Happyland Registration for FPC Members has begun**

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