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**ACE**  
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
**SUMMER 2018**

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

**THE SIX TRUTHS OF MOTHERHOOD**

We will gather on Wednesday Sept 12 and Oct 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! Dinners and Programs**  
Dinners will resume on Sept 5. WNL! Adult Christian Education studies will resume Sept 12.

More info to come next week!  
Contact: MonaP@firstpres.cc (954) 598-9345

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE SUPPORT GROUPS**

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

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

**DIVORCE CARE**

Join us any time during the 13-week session from 7/11 - 10/3. This support group 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:

**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 / 6:00pm 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**  
Welcome Back Social Sept 6 Gideon Bible Study to begin Sept 13 For more information, 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 26, 2018**

**Fourteenth 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**

*In the beauty of this place, I have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. I come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with me this day. Calm and soothe my soul. Cause me to rejoice that You have provided a special place where we may all gather to talk of Your presence and love; to sing Your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve You. Amen.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

"Pasticcio"  
– Jean Langlais

SUSAN DODD,  
organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*HYMN 229 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

**Watchful God, You know our plight.  
Offended, we have not believed Your words.  
Complaining, we have betrayed Your love.  
We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost.  
Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall.  
Strangers to Your holiness, we wander.  
Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost.  
Shine Your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in You. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*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**

**ANTHEM** "Give Me Jesus" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– arr. Howard Helvey

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 34: 15-22  
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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** "Praise the Everlasting King" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– Lloyd Larson

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING TEXT** Ephesians 6: 10-20  
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**THE MESSAGE** REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT  
"Finally, Be Strong in the Lord"

**\*HYMN 281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

**\*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  
 PreK4-3<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)

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:**

Kurt Kohler – Wellstar Georgia Medical Center, Lagrange, GA

*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*, Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley, *Senior Pastor*

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

**THE WORSHIP FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Stanford K. Smoker, by his wife Judy, his children Susan, Ed and Beth, and all of his grandchildren. He is truly missed.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS** Please call 954-462-6200.  
Available dates: September 16, September 23, September 30

**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

**Youth Group & Choir has begun!**

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers join us Sunday Nights for Youth Group and Choir:

5:00-6:00pm: Middle School Youth Group

Kirk Singers Rehearsal

6:00-6:30pm: \$5 Dinner in the Fellowship for all students

6:30-7:30pm: High School Youth Group

Chapel Singers Rehearsal

For more information please contact Chandler Gelb, Interim Director of Youth & College Ministries, ChandlerG@firstpres.cc or Michael Sayers, Music Associate, MichaelS@firstpres.cc

**Christian Women Connect Morning Women’s Bible Study**

**Welcome Back Social!**

Thursday, September 6, from 10am – 11:30am in the Study & Renewal Center (aka The Cottage)

Join us for a morning of friendship, games and prizes, a sneak peek at our upcoming year of Bible studies and events, and of course, food! Think and pray about who you will bring as your guest: There are many women who need our love as we are many who share our love. Contact Mona Petersen, Director of Women’s Ministries and Adult Christian Education: 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

**AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]: AAC Summer Lunch Bunch**

Thursday, September 13 - 15th Street Fisheries (1900 SE 15th Street)  
Join us for our final gathering of the summer at 11:30 am. 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.

**Divorce Care**

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

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