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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  
SUPPORTGROUPS**

**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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**9:30 AM August 26, 2018**  
**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP** Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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.

\* Worship

Community Life

Rev. Patrick H. Wrisley

\* Worship

Sharing our Gifts

"Reckless Love" - Passion

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6: 10-20

The Message

"Finally, Be Strong in the Lord"

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

\* Worship

\* Benediction

\*please stand if you are able



WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE

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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

Online giving is available by going to [www.firstpres.cc](http://www.firstpres.cc), clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

**Preacher:** Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

**Worship Team:** Ragan Jacaty, Al Leonardis, Rev. Nic Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Rev. Patrick H. Wrisley, Ronnie Young

**Projection Imagery:** Amy Merchant

**Sound, Lights, Video:** Evan Barber

### This week's music

"Head to the Heart" – United Pursuit

"Rising Sun" – All Sons and Daughters

"Lord, I Need You" – Matt Maher

"Let There Be Light" – Hillsong

### 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.

### 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 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.

### 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

### Membership:

#### New Member Orientation:

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

### 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).

### Happyland Day School for PK2-Kindergarten

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