

Haiti Donation Drive: September 9 – September 30

Our very own Sam McCawley, a Junior at Cardinal Gibbons High School, is seeking help for a community project that he initiated two years ago. Over 80% of the buildings in Southern Haiti were destroyed when Hurricane Matthew struck the island in October 2016. Recovery has been difficult, rebuilding has been very slow, and the community continues to have a tremendous need. Three Little Flowers has over 300 children in the school and most do not have backpacks, school supplies, or shoes. Sam will have collection bins in the Harbor, the front office, the lobby of the Neumann Center, and the Choir Room. Items needed include: Backpacks, School Supplies, Boys and Girls Sneakers, Socks, Soccer Balls, and Soccer Cleats.

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale

is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- Leading people to Jesus Christ.
- Learning about our faith.
- Living a Christ-centered life.
- Loving our neighbor through ministries of service and compassion.



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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 (Neumann Center Library) Facilitated by Eric Johnson



11 AM

September 2, 2018

Fifteenth 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

*Beloved Savior, my heart overflows with Your goodness.
The night has passed. The morning has come.
Your voice calls me to arise and come with You into this new day.
Let Your love strengthen me to answer Your call and follow You,
caring for those in need of Your love. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Allegro"

MICHAEL SAYERS,

– Arcangelo Corelli

organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 469

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

**Loving, righteous God,
our hearts are defiled with brokenness You abhor.
You have called us to Yourself, but we have gone away.
Forgetting Your living Word, we cling to dead traditions.
Deceiving ourselves, we abandon Your commandments.
Hypocrites, we honor You with our lips
while our hearts are far from You.
Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions;
cleanse our tongues from evil words
so that our worship may be pure and undefiled
and we may live with You in love for others. Amen.**

*JOYFUL RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

SOLO

"At the River"
– Aaron Copland

ANTHONY ZOELLER, *baritone*

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

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-27
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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 SOLO "Panis Angelicus" ANTHONY ZOELLER,
(O Lord, Most Holy) *baritone*
– César Franck

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

PREACHING TEXT Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23
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THE MESSAGE REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY
"Basic Christian Virtues: The Wellspring of Our Heart"

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the elements as they are served to you.

***HYMN 386** "O for a World" AZMON

***INVITATION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Fanfare and March" MICHAEL SAYERS,
– Henry Purcell *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)

WE WELCOME Anthony Zoeller as guest soloist to our worship service this morning. Anthony has sung here both in concerts and worship services. He was a member of Florida's Singing Sons Boychoir from 4th grade through Second Generation. Anthony has an undergraduate degree from Florida State, a Masters from New England Conservatory, and a Doctorate in Voice from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Zoeller was the baritone soloist in the "Seven Last Words of Christ" presented by the Cathedral Choir in 2017.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Scott, Betsy, David, Leigh Ann Henderson, and families on the death of Scott's and David's mother, Kathleen (Kathy) Gowen Henderson, on August 23, 2018. A celebration of Kathy's life was held on August 29, 2018 in our Sanctuary, and

Tyler Remsburg, Hattie Hess, and families on the death of Tyler's husband, Bruce A. Remsburg, on August 24, 2018. A celebration of Bruce's life was held on August 30, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Ft. Lauderdale, and

Susan Dodd and Phoebe Dickens on the death of their mother, Gwendolyn (Gwen) Marie Dodd, on August 27, 2018. A celebration of Gwen's life will be held in our Sanctuary, TODAY, Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 2pm, and

Peggy Moeller, Lauren, Scott and Todd on the death of husband and father, Ed Moeller, on August 29, 2018 in Cashiers, North Carolina. A celebration of Ed's life will be held at a later date in North Carolina.

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. 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.

THE WORSHIP FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Darwin W. Townsend, who passed away on September 2, 2008, by his wife, Connie, and his family.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: September 30, October 7, October 14

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

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 Singer Rehearsal

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

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

Chapel Singer 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 or email Tricia at bondutr@bellsouth.net.

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