

**First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale
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CHILDREN
Up to 5th grade

Children's Sunday School
Sundays / 9:30am
Pre K 2-4: Room NC 120
K-5th grade: Rooms NC 219-223

Children's Chapel Time
Sundays / 11:00am / Watts Chapel
Pre K 4-5th grade

YOUTH & COLLEGE
6th grade thru college

High School ALPHA Series
Wednesdays / 6:30pm / the Harbor
Middle School Sunday School
Sundays / 9:30 / the Harbor
Contact: Chandler Gelb (954) 232-4378

ADULTS
Beginning at 21 yrs

YOUNG ADULTS
Tuesdays / 6:15pm / Floridian Restaurant
Contact: Simeon Rodgers 954.706.2292
Ask about the Facebook group for updates!

ADULT STUDIES
Small Group Bible Study: Corinthians
Wednesdays / 6:30pm / Room NC-227
"Grow With the Gospels"
Wednesdays / 6:30pm / Chapel In The Sky

"The Gospel of Mark for Everyone"
Sundays / 9:30am / Room NC-216

Small Group Bible Study: Corinthians
Sundays / 10:45am / Room NC-227

**SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH-WIDE
LENTEN STUDY: "HE CHOSE THE
NAILS" MARCH 13 - APRIL 10**

Congregational Care Support Groups

Divorce Care Support Group / A new Divorce Care 13-week group session will begin in January. Watch for dates and location in next week's bulletin!
Contact: bondutr@bellsouth.net and visit: www.divorcesupport.org

Caregiver Support Group / 1st Wednesdays / 11:00am / Study & Renewal Center
Contact Alina Aiken alzacs.org@gmail.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.FIRSTPRES.CC / Contact Our Ministry Directors:
CHILDREN'S - Cindy Vason, Director (954) 598-9342 / CindyV@firstpres.cc
YOUTH & COLLEGE - Chandler Gelb, Interim Director (954) 598-9361 / ChandlerG@firstpres.cc
YOUNG ADULTS Simeon Rodgers, Intern (954) 598-9361 / SimeonR@firstpres.cc
ADULTS - Mona Petersen, Director (954) 598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
Room NC-202 (Neumann Center Library)

Morning Bible Study for Men
Tuesdays / 7:45am

Bible Study and Lunch
Thursdays / 12:00pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Christian Women Connect
Women's Morning Bible Study
"You Make Me Crazy!- Surviving Relationships God's Way"
Thursdays / Study & Renewal Center
January 10th - February 14th
9:45am Fellowship
10:00am Study and reflection
Contact Mona Petersen
MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954.598.9345

Mom's Bible Study
New Study Will Begin in January
Wednesdays at 9:30am
Room NC-227
Contact Nikki Diefenbach
jennifer.diefenbach@gmail.com

Pebbles of Faith
Women's Evening Bible Study
"The Gospel of Mark - The Jesus We Are Aching For"
Fourth Tuesdays / 6:00pm
Room NC-220
(Potluck dinner with study and discussion to follow)
Contact: www.west_kim@bellsouth.net

Faith and Fellowship Opportunities
Study & Renewal Center
Friends of Women of Faith
First Tuesdays / 6:00pm
Contact: mkramer113@bellsouth.net

Tea & Table Talk
Second Tuesdays / 2:00pm
Contact: margaretbuchholz@bellsouth.net



**9:30 AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Welcome, we are happy to have you with us in worship at First Pres.
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
Children's Time
Community Life
Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley
Advent Candle Lighting: Candle of Love
Jori, Aubrey, Stiles and Dan Arnold III

* Worship
New Member Recognition

Sharing our Gifts
"Waiting Here For You"
- Christy Nockels
Scripture Reading
Luke 1: 39-55

The Message
"The One of Peace"
Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

* Worship
* Benediction

*please stand if you are able



WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE

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Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

Preacher: Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

Children's Time: Simeon Rodgers

Worship Team: Javier Chia, Emily Grossutti, Albert Leonardis, Rev. Nicholas Merchant, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg, Ronnie Young, Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley

Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant

Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber, Mike-Chase Eaton

This week's music

"What Child Is This?" – William Dix

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" – Crosspoint Worship

"Oceans / Mary Did You Know?"

"Rejoice" — Aaron Shust

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. 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
- First Presbyterian is also the home of Happyland Day School, a quality preschool for over sixty years. For more info, call 954-463-6051.

Children's Sunday School Schedule:

- **9:30am** in the Neumann Center – All children will come together during the Contemporary worship service for a children's message and then will be led by their teachers to their respective classrooms.
 - PreK 3 & 4 in Room NC 120 • K-5th grade in Rooms NC 219, 221, 223 (2nd floor)
- **11am** Children's Chapel in Watts Chapel (PreK4-5th grade)
- Nursery care is available during all 3 services in Room NC 126

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, *Associate Pastor*

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

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.

This week, please pray for:

Yvonne Bachman – call pager number 954-823-0118

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers Needed for the Christmas Eve Services

It is that time of year when many of us are traveling and unable to attend the wonderful Christmas Eve services. Nonetheless, we need people to greet and welcome as well as "pass the plate" during this special time. If you are available to serve, please contact Bradford Sanders at 910-231-0106 or fpcftl_ushers@yahoo.com.

Confirmation begins January 6, 2019!

Calling all 8th Graders! Sign up for Confirmation by contacting Chandler, 954-232-4378 and/or ChandlerG@firstpres.cc.

Women's Ministry "UNLEASHED"

January 25 and 26 (Friday night and Saturday)
Two-day multi-church conference for women to empower their spirit find their freedom. Only a few half-priced tickets left! To reserve yours, contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

AAC [Adult Activity Center]

No Adult Activity Center [AAC] this week - Merry Christmas! Our regular program will resume on Thursday, January 10.

Make your reservation for the January 15 Day Excursion to *Flamingo Gardens and Buffet Lunch at Jacaranda Country Club*. Call the AAC office TODAY to reserve your spot!

Christian Women Connect:

We will break for the Christmas and New Year holidays and resume January 10.

Contact Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Pebbles of Faith will not meet December 25. Study resumes January 22.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

December 24, 2018 | Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm - Family Christmas Eve candlelight worship with the Children's Choirs

6:30 pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve candlelight worship in Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm & 10:00 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve candlelight worship services with Communion, the Cathedral Choir (8 pm) and Kirk Singers and Alumni (10 pm)

Please note:

Church Offices will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and December 26.