

Women's Ministry "UNLEASHED"

January 25 and 26 (Friday night and Saturday)

Two-day multi-church conference for women to empower their spirit and 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]

Thursday, January 10 at 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall

Happening this week: Live Music with the Shane LeMar Band - "80 Years of American Hits"

This is our Happy New Year Celebration at AAC! Cost: \$9, Menu Selection: Chicken Marsala, RSVP by Monday mornings at 10 am to Laura Ziegler, 954-598-9312 / Lauraz@firstpres.cc.

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:

Thursdays 9:45am fellowship / 10am Bible Study and reflection Held in the Study & Renewal Center. We will resume on January 10 with "You Make Me Crazy" Bible study with Rick Warren. Study guides available. Contact Mona Petersen 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Wednesday Night Live!

Dinners resume January 9, 5pm - 6:30pm Please make reservations by noon Monday: wnl@firstpres.cc / 954-462-6200

Wednesday Night Live Ministries resume January 9. Please refer to the Spiritual Formation panel on the back of the bulletin for the full schedule of Christian Education opportunities.

Divorce Care: New Support Group beginning Wednesday, January 16

A 13-week session for those going through or who have had a separation or divorce. Workbook: \$20. Contact Kristin Carpenter at carpenter.kristin@yahoo.com.



WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE

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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

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
Connect with Mona Petersen
MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954.598.9345

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

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

Congregational Care Support Groups

Divorce Care Support Group / Wednesdays 6:30pm / Study & Renewal Center. For anyone who has gone or is going through a separation or divorce. New 13-week session begins January 16. Contact: carpenter.kristin@yahoo.com.

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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

**January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord**

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.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Eternal God,
a thousand years in Your sight
are like a watch in the night.
As You have led us in days past,
so guide us now and always,
that our hearts may learn to choose Your will,
and new resolves be strengthened;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

OPENING VOLUNTARY SUSAN DODD, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

***HYMN 63** "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

**Merciful God, You have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.
Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,
yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.
Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance,
that we may trust You in all things;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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**

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 3: 1-12 N.T. PAGE 193

ANTHEM “There is a Redeemer” CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– Melody Green

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
– arr. Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND ILLUMINATION**

PREACHING TEXT Matthew 2: 1-12 N.T. PAGE 2

THE MESSAGE THE REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY
“It’s always more than it first appears”

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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

***HYMN 210** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

***INVITATION AND BLESSING** THE REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

POSTLUDE SUSAN DODD, *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
- For families with young children: 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 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

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED:

To June Foster and family on the death of her brother, Donald (Don) Klemmer, on December 21, 2018 in St. Clair, Michigan,

To Susan Gallo and family on the death of her mother, Patricia Anne Haag, on December 31, 2018. A celebration of Patricia’s life was held in our Sanctuary on January 4, 2019.

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: January 20, January 27

Our Deacons weekly divide the altar flowers that are not taken by the sender and deliver them to our Care Connects and to any others who might need cheering up. If you have any unused bud vases, thank you for bringing them to church for use by our Deacons in this ministry.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Breakfast will not be held today due to the Blood Drive.

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

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale calls a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 13 at the conclusion of the 11 am worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. All members in good standing of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, are eligible to be heard and vote in a congregational meeting.

Blood Drive Today

8am - 1pm in the St. Andrew’s Room

Today is the first Blood Drive of 2019. Please join us as we continue our long history of saving lives with the gift of blood. Please eat breakfast, drink plenty of water, and BRING YOUR ID. We recently had a member in the hospital who needed around 5 units of blood so it is imperative that there is a fresh supply on hand. Statistics show that 1 in 3 of us will require a transfusion in our lifetime.

Tea And Table Talk: Second Tuesday of the Month

Next gathering: Tuesday, January 8 at 2pm in the Study & Renewal Center. Women of all ages are invited to join this lively group for fellowship, poem reading and discussions with a Christian perspective over a cup of tea. Contact Petey Buchholz for more information: 954-566-1744 / margaretbuchholz@bellsouth.net

Concert Series: The Westminster Concert Handbell Choir

Sunday afternoon, January 20 at 4pm

These students from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J. are on tour throughout the southern states and have appeared here several times. They play on the largest set of handbells in the world and always present a great program of music of all kinds. It is as much of a joy to see and watch as it is to hear them. Invite a friend to come with you! No tickets or admission charge.

Confirmation begins January 6, 2019!

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