

Raise your game and join us for Power Up VBS

August 5-9, 9am-12pm (or full-day available, 9am-5pm)
 Sign up today to take advantage of the early registration discount!
 For more information or to sign up, please visit our website [www.firstpres.cc/Children's Ministry](http://www.firstpres.cc/Children's%20Ministry) or contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.
 Volunteers are needed before, during and after. Please sign up on the Connect Card and indicate where you would like to help volunteer the week of VBS. Area(s) of interest: Teacher, Snack, Crafts, Recreation/ Games, Music, Decorating

Save the date to help with our volunteer work days as we get ready for VBS on July 13 & 31!!

WNL Fall Series on Homelessness

What can I do? The problem is just too big!
 Good question... Have you ever discussed Homelessness in Fort Lauderdale with God? Maybe God has some ideas...
 Join us this Fall as Nic Merchant and Simeon Rodgers help us explore how we can talk over our concerns with God.
 We will also be talking with community leaders to better understand what others are already doing to make life here better for all of us.
 Let's gather the facts together starting September 11, 2019, at Wednesday Night Live. See you there...

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.



CHILDREN
 Up to 5th grade

Children's Sunday School
 Sundays / 9:30am
 Pre K 3-4: 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 Small Group
 Wednesdays / 6:30 pm / the Harbor
Middle School Sunday School
 Sundays / 9:30am / 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: 1 Corinthians
 Wednesdays / 6:30pm / Room NC-216

"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: 1 Corinthians
 Sundays / 10:45am / Room NC-216

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

Congregational Care Support Groups

Divorce Care Support Group has concluded, a new 13-week support group will begin in October. Contact: carpenter.kristen@yahoo.com OR visit: www.divorcecare.org

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.FIRSTPRES.CC
 Contact Our Ministry Directors:
 CHILDREN'S - Cindy Vason, Director / 954-598-9341 / 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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Christian Women Connect
Women's Morning Bible Study
"When I Lay My Isaac Down: Unshakable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances"
 Thursdays / Study & Renewal Center
April 25 - June 20

9:45am Fellowship
 10:00am Study and reflection
 Study Guides \$5
 Contact: MonaP@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9345

Bible Study for Moms:
"Says Who?" Finding Freedom From What Culture Is Teaching Moms"
 Second Wednesdays/ 9:30am
 Room NC-227
 Child care is available / Bring a snack
 Contact: heathercarlton@me.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: Petey Buchholz (954) 566-1744

SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENT!
 WNL! Dinners and ministries conclude Wednesday, May 29th. Join us for our many fun summer fellowship opportunities! (More information coming to you in May!)



11 AM **May 19, 2019**
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that You have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of Your light. Through Your Holy Spirit You make Your home with us, You dry our tears and quench our thirst, You are the tender love that welcomes all people. Come and dwell among us and make all things new. May our spirits rejoice at the good news You have for us today. Open our hearts to Your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Pasticcio" SUSAN DODD, organ
 – Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

* **HYMN 229** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)** REV. PATRICK WRISLEY
God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* **JOYFUL RESPONSE** "Amazing Grace"
**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
 That saved a wretch like me.
 I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see..**

* **PASSING THE PEACE** REV. PATRICK WRISLEY

ANTHEM "I Was Glad, So Glad!" (Psalm 122) KIRK SINGERS
 – John Carter

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148

REV. PAMELA MASTEN

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ANTHEM “This Day Was Made By The Lord” (Psalm 118) KIRK SINGERS

– Christopher Walker

Soloists: Heather Christensen, Winn Bondurant, Sam McCawley

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE
WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER**

REV. PAMELA MASTEN

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 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” CATHEDRAL CHOIR
– arr. Camp Kirkland

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
AND ILLUMINATION** REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

PREACHING TEXT Revelation 21: 1-6 N.T. PAGE 259

THE MESSAGE REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT
“See, I Am Making All Things New”

*** HYMN 376** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL

*** INVITATION AND BLESSING** REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

POSTLUDE “Gaudeamus” SUSAN DODD, organ
– Alec Rowley

*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 in the foyer of 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 for newborns– age 2 in Room NC 127

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Wrisley, *Senior Pastor*,
Rev. Pamela Masten, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*
Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, *Associate Pastor*

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Petey Buchholz – Holy Cross Hospital

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.

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in honor of Sue Botkin’s 86th birthday by her family.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: July 21, July 28

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.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

We are a praying church and we 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 in 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 or join us on Thursdays at 4pm in the Sanctuary for a candlelit prayer gathering where we lift up our prayer requests to God.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

We offer breakfast in the St. Andrew’s Room every Sunday morning from 9:15 am – 11 am. So whatever service you attend – you can still join us for a delicious, homemade breakfast before or after church. Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed.

Our last fellowship breakfast will be May 26. Breakfasts will resume on September 15.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S***Wednesday Night Live!***

May 22, Dinner: 5pm - 6:30pm, Menu: Chicken Parmesan/ Please make reservations by noon Monday: wnl@firstpres.cc / 954-462-6200

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Thursday, May 23, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall

Program: Eric Werse, One man band on the Piano “Taking you Back to a Tropical Paradise” Summer Show - Wear a tropical shirt to our Hawaiian Luau! Cost: \$9, Menu Selection: Chicken Parmesan. RSVP by Monday morning at 10 am to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

*** Now taking reservations for all AAC Summer Lunch Bunch and Summer Fun Day Activities!**

Session Meeting: Fourth Thursday of Every Month

Thursday, May 23 at 5pm in the Chapel-in-the-Sky
Members of the congregation are always welcome to attend and observe any Session meeting.

Women’s Ministry

See back panel for Christian Women Connect and Pebbles of Faith Bible studies!

Kirk Singer Spring Concert

Sunday, June 2 at 7pm

Please come and support these dedicated high school students as the Kirk Singers present their only “formal” concert of the year. Singing together for the last time for the 2018-19 school year, they will perform some of their favorite anthems from Sunday worship over the past 9 months. The concert is free and all are invited.

Cheerleading Camp Registration has begun!

June 17-21, 9am – 3pm, Ages 5 – 12

Registration forms are now available on our website for this awesome summer program! Registration deadline: June 4.

For more information, please contact: Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc