

**WNL Fall Series on Homelessness**

Ever wonder why someone can't do something about homelessness in Fort Lauderdale? The fact is, there are thousands of someones working every day to eliminate homelessness in our community. Join us on September 11, 2019 this Fall during Wednesday Night Live as we begin to separate Homeless Fact from Fiction. For 8 weeks, we will talk with many who are leading this effort. Find out who, find out what, and find out if you would like to get involved. See you on September 11!

**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.



**SPIRITUAL FORMATION**  
 CHURCH WIDE  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**CHILDREN**  
 Up to 5th grade

**Children's Sunday School**  
 Sundays / 9:30am  
 Pre K 3-4: Room NC 120  
 K-5th grade: Rooms NC 224

**YOUTH & COLLEGE**  
 6th grade thru college

**High School and Middle School Sunday School and Youth Groups will break for the summer**  
 Contact Chandler Gelb for information: 954.232-4378  
 ChandlerG@firstpres.cc

**ADULTS**  
 Beginning at 21 yrs

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
 Group will meet intermittently throughout the summer. Contact Simeon Rodgers for a current schedule: 954.706.2292  
 SimeonR@firstpres.cc  
 Also, feel free to check out our Facebook group for updates!

**ADULT STUDIES**  
**Small Group Bible Study:**  
 "Matthew for Everyone"  
 Sundays / 9:30am / Room NC-216  
**Small Group Bible Study:**  
 "1st Corinthians for Everyone"  
 Sundays / 10:45am / Room NC-216

**PLEASE NOTE THIS FRIENDLY REMINDER!**  
 WNL! Dinners and Ministries will break for the summer and resume on Wednesday, September 11.

**Congregational Care Support Groups**

**Divorce Care Support Group** / A new 13-week Divorce Care support group will begin in October on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Spanish Room. Contact: Kristin Carpenter at [carpenter.kristin@yahoo.com](mailto:carpenter.kristin@yahoo.com) or visit the Divorce Care website: [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.FIRSTPRES.CC](http://WWW.FIRSTPRES.CC) / Contact Our Ministry Directors:  
 CHILDREN'S - Cindy Vason, Director (954) 598-9341 / [CindyV@firstpres.cc](mailto:CindyV@firstpres.cc)  
 YOUTH & COLLEGE - Chandler Gelb, Interim Director (954) 598-9361 / [ChandlerG@firstpres.cc](mailto:ChandlerG@firstpres.cc)  
 YOUNG ADULTS Simeon Rodgers, Intern (954) 598-9361 / [SimeonR@firstpres.cc](mailto:SimeonR@firstpres.cc)  
 ADULTS - Mona Petersen, Director (954) 598-9345 / [MonaP@firstpres.cc](mailto: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**  
 "When I Lay My Isaac Down: Unshakable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances"  
 Runs through June 20  
 Thursdays  
 Study & Renewal Center  
 9:45am Fellowship  
 10:00am Study and reflection  
 Contact: [MonaP@firstpres.cc](mailto:MonaP@firstpres.cc)  
 954.598.9345

**Pebbles of Faith Women's Evening Bible Study**  
 Fourth Tuesdays / 6:00pm  
 Will resume September 24th  
**Faith and Fellowship Opportunities**  
**Friends of Women of Faith**  
 First Tuesdays / 6:00pm  
 Study & Renewal Center  
 Contact: [mkramer113@bellsouth.net](mailto:mkramer113@bellsouth.net)



**11 AM** **June 9, 2019**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

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 God, we thank you for the peace of good sleep and for keeping us safe at night. Let this new day be a time of praise and joy as we go out to meet you in our sisters and brothers. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** SUSAN DODD, organ  
 "Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"  
 – J. S. Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
 \* **HYMN 130** "Let Every Christian Pray" LAUDES DOMINI

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)** REV. PAMELA MASTEN  
**Spirit of Life, we gather this day to celebrate the verdant life you give us! You inspire, enthuse, enliven, and refresh us in our daily work and life in the Church! We confess we often forget about you, Spirit, and take you for granted. We unconsciously neglect your presence and guidance and rely on ourselves for direction and strength. Forgive our nostalgic ways and energize us to be loving, active change-agents in the world in which we live and serve! Jesus did not come so that we may sit on our seats; Jesus came to give us life and life abundant! Holy Spirit, come and make us holy uncomfortable to serve you and our neighbor! Amen.**

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
 \* **JOYFUL RESPONSE** "Spirit of the Living God"  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

\* **PASSING THE PEACE**  
**ANTHEM** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
 – Doris Akers

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** NICHOLAS MERCHANT  
Genesis 11:1-9 *The Message*

**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** "Spirit of God" CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
– John Carter

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
AND ILLUMINATION** REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

**PREACHING TEXT** Acts 2:1-15 *The Message*

**THE MESSAGE** REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY  
"Why Does this Church Exist?"

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE** (*unison*)

**First Pres is called by God to SHARE the Good News,  
to be an INSPIRING Christ-centered presence in Fort Lauderdale  
by TRANSFORMING our local community and beyond.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** REV. PAMELA MASTEN  
REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

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

**\* HYMN 302** "On Pentecost They Gathered" AURELIA

On Pentecost they gathered Quite early in the day,  
A band of Christ's disciples, To worship, sing, and pray,  
A mighty wind came blowing, Filled all the swirling air,  
And tongues of fire a-glowing Inspired each person there.

God pours the Holy Spirit On all who would believe,  
On women, men, and children Who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, Bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, Responds in every hour.

O Spirit, send from heaven On that day long ago,  
Rekindle faith among us In all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen And tongues a-flame with praise,  
So folk of every nation Glad songs of joy shall raise!

**\* INVITATION AND BLESSING** REV. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

**POSTLUDE** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" SUSAN DODD, organ  
– David Cherwien

*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-5<sup>th</sup> grade in Rooms NC 224 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
  - Nursery care is available for newborns– age 2 in Room NC 127

**THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED:**

To the family and friends of John Starr Neely, Jr. who died on May 22, 2019 in Tallahassee, Florida. A private celebration of John's life will be held in North Carolina at a later date.

**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:**

Judge John Miller – 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 loving memory of Rev. Dr. Steven L. Harberts, former First Presbyterian Church Associate Pastor, by Sally and Max Brown.

**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](mailto: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.

**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 Rev. Pamela Masten if you, or someone you know, could use this means of caring support.

**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 15!**

Have a wonderful summer!

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

**WNL! Dinner and ministries will resume on September 11**

Check out the FPC summer schedule for fellowship and study opportunities!

**AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]**

Now taking reservations for all AAC Summer Lunch Bunch and Summer Fun Day Activities! Contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / [LauraZ@firstpres.cc](mailto:LauraZ@firstpres.cc)

**Women's Ministry**

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

**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!!**