

Women's Ministry

Activities and studies will break in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We will resume on the following dates:

- **Christian Women Connect:** Thursday, January 9, 10 am in the Study and Renewal Center – New Year Bible Study “The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands”
- **Pebbles of Faith:** Tuesday, January 28, 6 pm, Room NC-218 – Continue study of “Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: The Study of David”
- **Friends of Women of Faith:** Tuesday, January 7, 6 pm, in the Study & Renewal Center
Continue “Friends Are Friends Forever: In Finding His Will”

BC Talk (Bible and Coffee Talk) Begins Sunday, January 12

Sunday mornings, 9 – 9:25 am, Room NC-216 (2nd floor Neumann Center at the end of the hallway). Never read the Bible? Don't have a Bible? Just want to learn more about it? Grab a cup of coffee and explore these questions in a casual setting. Facilitated by Matt Moore. Connect with Mona Petersen: 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Happyland Registration

Happyland registration begins on January 6, 2020 for church members and current Happyland families. Take advantage of the 3-week head start to register and reserve your spot for the 2020-2021 school year! Registration opens to the community on January 27. (Happyland serves children ages 2-Kindergarten.)

Youth & College Ministries:

Rock The Universe is right around the corner – January 25. We will be going up with Tropical Florida Presbytery. The cost is \$105. Please contact Chandler Gelb at ChandlerG@firstpres.cc to sign up your student!

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Begins Sunday, January 19, 3:30-5 pm, at The Harbor
The class will meet each Sunday and cover what it means to be a Christian and, more specifically what it means to be a Presbyterian. It will culminate on March 22, 2020, Confirmation Sunday. For more info or to add your student to the class, please email ChandlerG@firstpres.cc.

Help Usher in the New Year

If you regularly attend the 11 am service, why not consider becoming an usher? Ushers arrive at 10:30 am to greet worshippers and hand them bulletins as they enter the Sanctuary. You can sit with your friends or family when the service starts. We have urgent need for a Head Usher starting in January. This job simply involves making sure a sufficient number of ushers will be present for concerts, funerals and other special events, as well as on Sunday mornings. If God might be calling you to help with this important service to our church, please contact Bradford Sanders at 910-231-0106 or bhsanderslaw@yahoo.com.

SERMON NOTES



9:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

*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

Rev. Pam Masten

Community Life

Rev. Pam Masten

* **Worship**

Sharing our Gifts

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel!”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

The Message

“Go and search diligently for the child”

Rev. Nic Merchant

* **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

* **Worship**

* **Benediction**

**please stand if you are able*



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Preacher: Rev. Nic Merchant

Worship Team: Javier Chia, Ragan Jacaty, Al Leonardis, Rev. Nic Merchant, Ronnie Young, Steve Smithberg, Samantha Stokes

Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber, Hunter Moore

Projection: Amy Merchant

This week's music

“The King Is Among Us” – Elevation Worship

“Rising Sun” – All Sons and Daughters

“Come Thou Fount” – Robert Robinson

“O Come to the Table” – Elevation Worship

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.

Lend a hand if you can:

Please stack chairs into stacks of 8 if you are able in preparation for youth ministry tonight!

WELCOME GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us in worship. Please join us for a time of fellowship in the foyer 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 224 (2nd floor)
- Nursery care is available for newborns– age 2 in Room NC 127
- **11am:** Children are invited to attend worship with their parents. Childcare is available for Kindergarten and younger.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED:

To the friends and family of Tim (John T.) Dawkins, who died on December 30, 2019. The memorial service was held yesterday.

To the friends and family of Maxine Adams, who passed away on December 31, 2019. Details on a memorial service are pending.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, *Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation*, Rev. Pamela Masten, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

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

IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK:

Petie Dorain – Memorial Regional Hospital (East)

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 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. 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.

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

Blood Drive TODAY

8 am – 1pm, Saint Andrew's Room

Give someone a second chance at Life! All donors will receive a Limited Edition OneBlood Long Sleeve T- Shirt, refreshments, snacks and a wellness checkup including pulse, temperature, blood pressure, iron count and cholesterol screening. ID REQUIRED!

Wednesday Night Live Dinner

Dinner 5:30-6:30pm, January 8 Menu: Baked Lasagna

Adults \$10 / Students \$5 / Children under 5 no charge. RSVP by noon Monday: wnl@firstpres.cc / 954-462-6200.

Adult Activity Center – AAC Ministry for Seniors

Thursday, January 9, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall

Program: *New Year's Celebration with Danny Olalla*

Let's kick off the year with Musicolors – Guitar Sounds from around the World! Cost: \$9, Menu Selection: Baked Lasagna, RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

*AAC Book Club – Jan. 9 in Room 216, Book selection: *The Address* by Fiona Davis

RSVP now for January and February AAC Day Excursions!

- January 14: Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation AH-TAH-THI-Ki Museum & Lunch at Swamp Water Cafe
 - February 19: A Day at the Wick Theatre and Costume Museum in Boca Tour, Lunch at Tavern at the Wick & Broadway Show “Evita”
- RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Socktember mission project, which was led by Patrick McCawley. We collected 458 pairs of new socks, which were given to Hope South Florida. Save the date for Socktober...October 2020!

Pen Pals Needed: “Visit the Jail in an Envelope”

The Jail Visitation Ministry urgently needs pen pals for inmates that attend the First Pres small group meeting in the Broward County Jail. A letter once a month will make a huge difference in the life of a prisoner desperately in need of encouragement and hope. Contact Cliff Jumper at charles.jumper@hotmail.com or Rev. Nic Merchant at NicM@FirstPres.cc

CHANTICLEER tickets

Available for purchase NEXT Sunday following the 11 am service on the loggia of the Neumann Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. The Concert is Tuesday Evening, January 28, 2020 at 7:30 pm, but tickets make great gifts for your friends and families who love music!