

Wednesday Night Live! Dinner and study groups begin Wednesday, September 16 at 5 pm (new start time!) To RSVP for dinner and to find out more about our study groups, contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Blood Drive NEXT Sunday, September 20, 8 am to 1 pm

St. Andrew's Room in the Neumann Center, sponsored by the Deacons. This is the ONLY Blood Drive at First Presbyterian Church this summer. Why should **you** donate blood?

- One in three of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime
- Donating is truly "paying it forward"
- Only 5% of the eligible population donates blood, yet 36% could donate at any one time

We welcome you to Elevate!

Elevate is student-led worship for High School students and will launch on **September 16** at 7pm. Each Wednesday, High School students can come and enjoy community with friends, Bible study, worship and small group discussion. Elevate will be held in the youth center following Homework in the Harbor. The student worship team has been working hard all summer preparing. A huge thank you goes out to Andrew Storrs for his hard work preparing and discipling the new worship team. We welcome students to bring a friend! Contact Nic Merchant or Ayla Kohler for any questions at NicM@firstpres.cc and AylaK@firstpres.cc.

Mission Possible Kids: Where Kids Change the World

New Agent Training: Wednesday, September 16, 6pm, St. Andrew's Rm. If you're in Grades 1-5, if you want to make a difference in the world, if you want to show the grown-up agents how it's done, YOU can become a Special Agent with *Mission Possible Kids*. For more info, Contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc.

The Adult Activity Center for Senior Adults (AAC)

Thursday, September 17: Welcome Back Celebration 11:15 am Each Thursday • 12:15 pm Lunch (RSVP please!) Join us for this special day as we kick off our new AAC year and celebrate our new Fellowship Hall. We are pleased to have with us again this year the wonderful musician Ernie Swanson. Ernie has been with us twice before and was loved by all. Chef Phil is serving Chicken Piccata with Creamy Caper Sauce. Please RSVP to Tricia Young at 954-598-9344 or TriciaY@firstpres.cc.

Christian Women Connect Women's Bible Study

Resumes Thursday, September 17, 9:45 am fellowship, 10 - 11 am study & discussion, held in the Study and Renewal Center *Twelve Voices for Truth: A Study of the Minor Prophets* Study Guides available for \$8. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc

Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage – Spiritual Renewal Program

April 21 – April 24, Co-sponsored by First Presbyterian Church Please contact Dick Anderson at RichardA@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9330 for more information.

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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.



WHERE FAITH COMES ALIVE

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11 AM **September 13, 2015**
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" **BRASS, ORGAN, AND TIMPANI**
— arr. Tim Zimmerman

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK**

Leader: O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

People: Declare His glory upon the earth, His wonders among all people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

***HYMN 138** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" **NICAEA**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**
O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in Your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in it call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear Your voice assuring us that by Your stripes we are healed, that You were bruised for our iniquities, that You became sin for us that we might become righteous in You. Grant that by resting in Your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after Your commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL 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.

ANTHEM "A Jubilant Song" (*Psalms 90 & 96*) CATHEDRAL CHOIR
— Allen Pote

***APOSTLES' CREED**

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come and Follow Me" KIRK SINGERS
— Tom Franzak

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS
Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

OFFERTORY "Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ" KIRK SINGERS AND CATHEDRAL CHOIR
— arr. Richard Hillert

***DOXOLOGY**

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Mark 13:1-11 N.T. PAGE 50

MESSAGE REV. DR. RUSSELL H. RITCHEL, JR.
"Isn't this great?"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Please partake of the elements as they are served to you.

***PRAYER**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "The Lord's Prayer" A.H. MALOTTE
Our Father, which 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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, we pray for Your blessing on the church in this place. Here in this Sanctuary may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired; Lord, in this place may we encounter You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** (see below) "One Hundred Years of Praise"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" BRASS, ORGAN, AND TIMPANI
— Karg-Elert

One Hundred Years of Praise

Dedicated to Mr. Robin L. McEachern, Minister of Music,
in celebration of the 100th anniversary of
First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale 1912 – 2012

Lesley Anglin

Michael R. Sayers

♩ = 108 G7 C Am Dm G

1. As we look back on years gone by we
2. We built your church up on these shores we
3. Our church, so rich in his - to - ry our
4. We sing and now our joy ex - tends to

3 C Am F G C Am

hum - bly pray and raise our eyes and hon - nor you, O
called out - loud and op - ened doors to all who'd search and
church so blessed in fam - i - ly. We share your grace, your
new - be - gin - nings, bound - less ends, for young and old we

6 F G C Am Dm

Christ our King, this hymn of love to you we
come to hear Your Gos - pel mess - age true and
love, your light. Help us to be your bea - con
will not cease for - ev - er fill us with your

9 G F E Am F C Dm C F G C

sing: To Thee, we ded - i - cate our days, O Lord, one hund - red years of praise.
clear.
bright.
peace.

WELCOME GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please join us for a time of fellowship afterwards!
- First Presbyterian is also the home of Happyland Day School, a quality preschool for over sixty years. For more info, call 954-463-6051.

Rally Day – TODAY!

- Please join us this morning as we kick off our Fall programs and celebrate our newly renovated Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall! During the 9:30am worship service, children will have an opportunity to meet their Sunday school teachers. Ministry tables will also be set up outside beginning at 9:30am, providing information for adults and teens. From 10:30am-1:00pm there will be food, children's activities and even a petting zoo. So please take the time to find out where you can connect at First Pres... "Where Faith Comes Alive"!

WE WELCOME as our guest musicians for this morning's service Adam Bookspan and Peter Francis, trumpets; Anthony McFarlane and Jason Pyle, trombones; and Albert Leonardis, percussion. Adam Bookspan will also be providing music during communion.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:

Dick Anderson— Broward General Medical Center

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given by in honor of the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church who dedicate their hearts each year to the programs of our church.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please contact Emily Furdock at 954-462-6200 or EmilyF@firstpres.cc. Available dates: 9/27, 10/25, 11/1.

THE PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY enables you to let people know that you have just prayed for them. Please call Tricia Young at 954-598-9344, if you, or someone you know, could use this means of caring support.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

The prayer ministry team would like to pray with you. At the end of the service, come to the front of the church, and you will find a team member ready to pray with you. Prayer requests may be noted on the Connect Card inserted in your bulletin, then place it in the offering plate, and your prayer request will be added to our weekly Prayer Chain.

ALL ARE INVITED TO A PRAYER GROUP to pray for our church, pastors, staff and ministries. The prayer group meets in the Binger Room at 10:30 am each Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Chapel Singer and Kirk Singer rehearsals will begin TODAY.

Kirk Singer rehearsal (grades 9-12) is 5 - 6 pm and Chapel Singer rehearsal (grades 6-8) is 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Choir Room.

All middle school and high school students are welcome to attend!

The Prayer Shawl Committee

Meets tomorrow, September 14 (the second Monday), from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, in the Study and Renewal Center. Please come and join us, even if you don't know how to knit. We can teach you. Please let Tricia know if you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl. 954-598-9344.

2015 Officer Nominations

In your bulletins this morning you will find the 2015 Nominating Committee Brochure. Please submit the names of those whom you feel would serve well as an Elder, Trustee or Deacon either through this brochure or by e-mailing your nominees to nominations@firstpres.cc. **Deadline is TOMORROW Monday, September 14, 2015.**

First Cares

A group offering mutual support after significant change or loss. (*Spouse, Job, Relationship, etc.*) Meets Tuesday, September 15 at 1 pm in the Spanish Room.