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Would you like your prayer request to be published in our bulletin?  
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I would like information about:  
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 Homeless Ministry  
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 Baptism  
  
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# PRAYER REQUESTS

Re-Development Plans: Continued prayers for the leadership and members of our church as we continue to move into our new space.

Linda Von Cannon

Denise Sewer-Shields

Karla Cortada

Lloyd Levy

Harley Sanders

Osneir Coffie

Enid Campbell & Family

Jay Franks

Jim Watkins

Alex Roberge

Lolita & Jerry Turner

Matthew Devarona and family

Sebastian Hernandez

The Winebrenner family

Patrick Tear

Ian King

Deborah Dawson

Dowe Family

Demetri Wesley

Carlos Garcia

Please keep in prayer for the Family & Friends of Armando

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# UPCOMING DATES

**Big Gay Brunch Church**

Today at 2pm

**Children's Song Sunday**

April 28th, during service

**Corner Climb**

April 28th, 12pm

**Kayak Chapel**

April 28th, 4pm

**Building Dedication Service**

May 5th

**Friday Nigh Youth Night**

May 10th, 6:30pm

**Early Service Starts!**

May 12th

**Confirmation Sunday**

May 19th, during service

**Graduation Sunday**

June 2nd, during church

**VBS**

June 10-14

**Warren Willis Summer Camp**

June 17-22

# Loving God with ALL our...

## Heart

**Kayak Chapel:** Join us at St. John's on the Lake for fellowship and kayaking through the canals of Miami Beach. Our next event is on April 28th, at 4pm. RSVP on the app!

**Big Gay Brunch Church:** Join us for a monthly brunch experience as we celebrate and explore the intersections of queer identities and sexuality. Our next event is today at 2-4pm. RSVP on the appt to attend!

**Sunday Soul Chapel:** Come break bread with us and hear from a speaker about resilience. We will have events once a quarter. Stay tuned for our next event!

**Young Adult's Chapel:** Young adults will meet bi-monthly for social events. Please contact Amber at programs@FirstChurchMiami.org if you have any questions.

## Soul

English Service: 11:00am at 398 NE 5th Street, Miami, FL 33132  
8:30am Early service coming back Downtown May 12th!  
Portuguese Service: 11:00am at 398 NE 5th Street, Miami, FL 33132

## Mind

**Bible Study Small Group (Virtual):** Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Leader: Pastor Audrey Warren. Please contact Pastor Audrey for Zoom link.

**LGBTQ+ Small Group (In-person):** Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Leader: Pastor Kipp Nelson. Join us at St. John's on the Lake each week for community time and fellowship.

**Young Adult Small Group (In-person):** Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Leader: Amber Kupfer. Join a group of diverse young adults every week at the church for dinner and discussions.

**Motivation Monday (MoMo) (Virtual):** Mondays at 8:30pm. Leader: Gerard Ortega. Join us in reading and discussing inspirational books to grow your faith and spirituality.

**CAFE Small Group and Blue Zone Project (In-person):** Fridays at 7:30pm. Leader: Pastor Marvel Souza and Raphael Lira. Join other Portuguese speakers at the church for discussions about life and faith.

**Youth Group:** Youth Group meets most Sundays after church from 12:30pm-2pm. We'll play games, eat lunch, hang out, and talk about God and faith. Open to 6th-12th grade.

## Strength

**Corner Court Open Gym:** Join us on our new Basketball and Pickleball Courts. Come shoot some hoops, work on your skills, or play with your friends. The gym will be open for basketball Tuesdays 5:00-9:00pm and pickleball Thursdays 5:00pm-9:00pm. Concessions available for sale. Sign up on the App to attend!

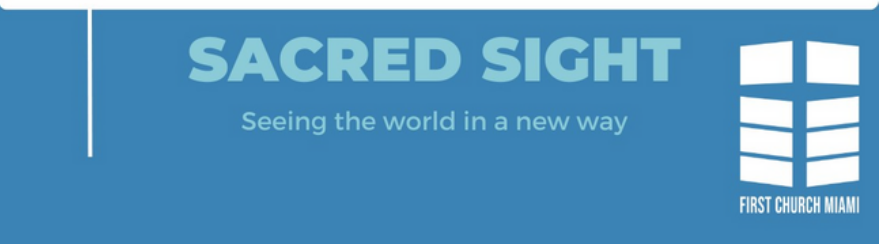
**Corner Calm Yoga Chapel:** Join us on Tuesday evenings 6pm and Wednesday mornings at 7:30am and 8:30am in the Chapel.

**Breakfast Club:** Join us each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday morning at 6am to volunteer with our breakfast club ministry. Please email Elizabeth to get more information, breakfastclub@firstchurchmiami.org.

**Donation Station:** For the month of April we are collecting Shoes. Follow the QR code to purchase from Amazon and have delivered to our church. You can also purchase and bring your donation to church.



Amazon Wish List



# April 21, 2024

## A Work in Progress Rev.Dr. Audrey Warren

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# GET INVOLVED!

## That's Why We Pray Daily Podcast

Prayer has been a powerful witness in the lives of many in our congregation. Based on the book Verses to Live By, this daily devotion podcast will give you a word to ponder each day. Each day there will be a short podcast devotion read by the monthly writer found in our book. We pray this will uplift you!

## Big Gay Brunch Church

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## Children's Song Sunday

First Church Miami is going to have a time for our children to learn a song. We will be singing This Little Light of Mine during church on Sunday, April 28th. The entire service will be made up of children's songs, but our kids are only having to lead one. Let Amber Kupfer know if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to this event! Please RSVP on the App so we know you are coming.

## Building Dedication Service!

Join us May 5th at 11am for our Building Dedication Service! Register Today for the event as we would like to prepare to provide the best hospitality for you and your family! You can register by following this QR code.



**Dedication Service**

## 8:30am Worship Service

Our 8:30am Worship Service will begin on Sunday May 12, 2024 in our Chapel on the 1st floor.

## Mother's Day

Sunday May 12th 2024 is Mother's Day, and we would like to honor all the mother figures in our lives. We are inviting each of you to send us a picture of your mother or someone who has been a strong mother figure to you to show in worship on Mother's Day. Please send all photos to [Programs@firstchurchmiami.org](mailto:Programs@firstchurchmiami.org) or text to (305)371-4706 by Wednesday May 8th at 10PM.

## Confirmation

We will be offering Confirmation Classes to all youth that have not been confirmed on Wednesdays via zoom through this spring semester. In order to be confirmed you must attend 7 out of the 10 zoom lessons. You must also complete a service event. Please reach out to Amber Kupfer at [programs@firstchurchmiami.org](mailto:programs@firstchurchmiami.org) to register! Confirmation Sunday will take place Sunday, May 19th.

## Vacation Bible School

Our Summer Camp/Vacation Bible School Registration is now live! June 10th to 14th, 2023 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (After-VBS childcare offered 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm every day) Join camp counselor Sam and Lu (short for Lumen), the lightning bug puppet, and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. VBS is free of charge and open to preschool through current 5th grade. Grab a flyer to sign up.

## Corner Climb

The last Sunday of every month after church we will be opening our Corner Climb to our Children and Youth. Students must wear closed toed shoes in order to participate. Pants or shorts are preferred over dresses or skirts since the kids will be in the air. Please RSVP on the app for our first event.

## Graduation Sunday

Join us in celebrating our Class of 2024 High School Seniors. We will take time out of a service this week to recognize all of their hard work and dedication to the church while hearing what their future holds. We will have a small reception following service to celebrate them! All current seniors must register here and provide information on their future plans with the event on the App. Please also send in a picture of your Senior (senior portrait or something similar) to [programs@firstchurchmiami.org](mailto:programs@firstchurchmiami.org) by Wednesday, May 29th. If you would like to write the Seniors a card or a message please send them to [programs@firstchurchmiami.org](mailto:programs@firstchurchmiami.org) by Sunday, May 26th.

## GIVE ONLINE

## DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Scan the QR code below to give to First Church Miami



Scan the QR code below to download our new Church app to your device!



# Our Worship Celebration

*\* We invite everyone to rise (as you are able) during these time.  
Childcare is available for children 5th grade and under 10:30am-12:30pm  
in the nursery.*

<b>Prelude</b>	In the Fields of the Lord	
<b>Welcome and Greeting</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	Morning has Broken	UMH 145
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>*Song of Praise</b>	Graves into Gardens	
<b>Sacred Reading</b>	Genesis 2:4-25 (NRSV)	
<b>Children's Message</b>	Ms. Amber Kupfer	
<b>Sermon</b>	"A Work in Progress"	Rev. Dr. Audrey Warren
<b>Offertory</b>	Yeshua, Quiero Conocer a Jesus	
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95
<b>Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Time of Commitment</b>		
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	In the Garden	UMH 314
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	In the Fields of the Lord	
<b>**The Lord's Prayer:</b>	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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen	



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