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PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

Faithful God, when the world does not make sense and your answers do not come quickly, teach us to bring our whole selves before you. Meet us in the waiting. Form in us a faith honest enough to lament, patient enough to endure, and rooted deeply enough to trust. Amen.

WELCOME

Jonny Barahona

*SONG

Rest On Us

*As the Spirit was moving
Over the waters
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us
Come rest on us*

*As the Spirit was moving
Over the waters
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us
Come rest on us*

*Come down
Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound
When You fill the room*

*You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me*

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*Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us
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You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me*

*Holy Spirit come rest on us
You're all we want
You're all we want*

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Tricia Young

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Patient and faithful God, we confess that waiting is hard for us. We want quick answers, clear timelines, and visible results. When the way forward is uncertain, we grasp for control. When faithfulness feels slow, we become restless. When your promises seem delayed, we are tempted to give up or place our trust in something other than you.

Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to stand at the watchpost with humility and hope. Give us faith that does not depend on easy certainty and courage to live faithfully while we wait. Amen.

***SONGS**

Praise

*I'll praise in the valley, Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the waters, my enemies drown in
As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to*

*Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul*

*I'll praise when I feel it, Praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know, You're still in control
My praise is a weapon, It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout, that brings Jericho down
As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to*

*Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul*

*I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You*

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How could I keep it inside*

*I won't be quiet my God is alive
How could I keep it inside*

Praise the Lord oh my soul

*Let everything
That has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord*

*Let everything
That has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord*

Made For More

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are, the cross of salvation was only the start

Now I am chosen, free and forgiven, I have a future and it's worth the living

'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave, I was called by name

Born and raised back to life again, I was made for more

So why would I make a bed in my shame, when a fountain of grace is running my way

I know I am Yours, and I was made for more

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I know I am Yours, and I was made for more

Hallelujah, You called out my name, so I'll sing out Your praise

Hallelujah, You buried my past, I'm not going back

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Jon Bock, Young Adult Mission Team

*SONG

Psalm 126

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & ILLUMINATION

Rev. Young

SCRIPTURE • [Habakkuk 2:1-4](#)

THE MESSAGE

*Yet I Will Rejoice
(2) Learning to Live by Faith*

SONG

Reckless Love

*Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me*

*Oh the overwhelming never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve, still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never-ending, reckless love of God*

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Oh the overwhelming never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve, still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never-ending, reckless love of God

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
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*I couldn't earn it I don't deserve, still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never-ending, reckless love of God*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Young

**please stand if you are able*

welcome NEW MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming our newest members of First Pres!



Bob Kirkpatrick (Letter of Transfer): Bob comes to us from First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota where he served as an Elder and was an active member for many years. He moved to Fort Lauderdale to be close to his son Todd and has been attending our Traditional Worship Service every Sunday. Bob was born in Boise, Idaho and was Executive VP at DHR International before retiring.



Isabella Valenzuela (Profession of Faith): Isabella goes to Saint Thomas Aquinas High School and will be a sophomore next school year. At the end of this school year, she joined the Art Club and was a backstage cosmetic artist for STA's latest musical Footloose. Her hobbies include camping as a member of Scouts of America, painting, sketching, and photography. Isabella was baptized a few weeks back at the Traditional Worship Service.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Congratulations Karen and Alex Karentz, on the baptism of their son Samuel Christopher Karentz. In your bulletin you will find a Baptism Prayer Card. We ask that you write something for Samuel and his family as a memory of this special day. The cards can be dropped in the white basket at the back of the sanctuary on your way out.

The Flowers are Dedicated in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Shiron and Kambiz Pezeshki.

Flower Availability: August 2 and 9. September 6, 13, and 20.
If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Communion table or a rose-bud in celebration of a newborn, please contact Michelle Shev at michelles@firstpres.cc.

UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST PRES

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study - HAPPENING NOW!

Tuesdays, 8:00 am, Zoom

Looking to stay connected and grow in your faith this summer? Join our Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study, meeting online every Tuesday as they begin a new study through the book of Colossians. Whether you've been part of the group for years or are looking to join for the first time, all men are welcome! Stop by the Connection Counter today for more information or contact Mona Petersen at monap@firstpres.cc.

Summer Book Club - HAPPENING NOW!

Thursdays, Started June 11th, 10:00 am, Study & Renewal Center

All are welcome to join our summer book club! We will gather on Thursdays from June 11th through July 9th in the Study and Renewal Center (aka The Cottage). We will focus on the book "Little Women" and reflect on 12 chapters each week for four weeks, then watch the motion picture on the fifth week. Connect with Mona Petersen for more information at monap@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9345.

Adult Activity Center (AAC) for Seniors: Summer Lunch

Tuesday, June 16th, 11:30 am, Gilbert's 17th Steet Grill

Join AAC this Tuesday for our first Summer Lunch gathering! We will meet at Gilbert's 17th Steet Grill, 1821 Cordova Road in Fort Lauderdale. Gilbert's is located in the Harbor Shops, near Publix. Summer lunches are a great way to stay connected with your church friends! RSVP to Ellen Whiteman 954-598-9312 or ellenw@firstpres.cc.

June Habitat Build Day

Saturday, June 20th

Join us for our monthly Habitat for Humanity Build Day! Email Kathy Craven for more information and to register at wrcrv@aol.com.

Beach Night

Wednesday, June 24th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Fort Lauderdale Beach

Join us for a relaxed evening by the water on at the southernmost point of Fort Lauderdale Beach, near the volleyball courts. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and fellowship as the sun sets over the beach.

Guests are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with a beach chair and a friend! Park in the lot across from Bahia Mar near the B Ocean Resort. All are welcome, so come enjoy food, fun, and community by the water!

Neumann Society

The Neumann Society was established in 2011, named after First Presbyterian Church's late Emeritus Pastor, Rev. Dr. Richard E. Neumann, who believed that giving is not just an expression of faith, but is required for its continued growth. Members of the Neumann Society take the time to remember the church in their will through planned giving. Visionaries who had the foresight to "invest" a portion of their wealth today, in order to provide a faith legacy for future generations. If you have questions about including the church in your will, please reach out to church administrator Steve Wofford at stevev@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9333.

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry is continuing to grow, and we are excited for all God is doing through the children and families of First Pres! As this ministry expands, we invite you to consider serving and helping create a welcoming, faith-filled space for the next generation. Whether you enjoy teaching, welcoming families, helping with events, or supporting behind the scenes, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to serve in the Children's Ministry and see the insert in this bulletin to learn more.

NEW TO FIRST PRES

Visitors are invited to join us **TODAY** after worship in the Neumann Center lobby to learn more about our church and ways to get connected. If you can not make it today learn more about our church and ways to get connected. [CLICK HERE!](#) For more info contact, Karyn Greep at karyng@firstpres.cc or visit the Connect Counter today.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Grow in faith by connecting with one of our ministry groups at First Pres, there is something for all ages throughout the week, every week! Learn more at firstpres.cc or contact us at 954-462-6200 or info@firstpres.cc.

MONDAYS

Young Adults Virtual Bible Study
7:30 - 8:30 pm / Via Zoom
(Meeting ID: 871 3336 6461)
Passcode: 177983

TUESDAYS

Men's Morning Bible Study
8:00 am / Via Zoom
(Meeting ID: 483 553 8166)
Book of Colossians

THURSDAYS

Summer Book Club
10:00 am
Study & Renewal Center

Men's Bible Study & Lunch
12:30 - 1:30 pm
Neumann Center Library

SUNDAYS

New Testament Bible Study
9:45 am
Bininger Conference Room

Children's Sunday School
PreK3 & PreK4
9:30 & 11:00 am:
Neumann Center, Room #127
K-5th Grade
9:30 am: Neumann Center, Room #224

Childcare
Newborns-PreK 4
9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Neumann Center, Room #127

GIVE ONLINE

Make your offering conveniently and securely.
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REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Contemporary Worship - Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Livestream Sunday Worship - Online

Both services are streamed live, so you can worship with us from wherever you are! Visit firstpres.cc/worship to join our livestreams.

Children's Sunday School - Neumann Center

The Children's Ministry at First Pres provides a place where children can go while their parents are at our Sunday Worship services. Our Sunday childcare services are offered to infants - Prek4. For more info please stop by our Connection Counter today!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!

Stay connected with everything happening at First Pres!

From upcoming events and announcements to weekly happenings, sermon sneak peeks, and so much more.

You won't want to miss it. [CLICK HERE](#) to follow us on your favorite social media platform and keep up with the life of the church!