

Pentecost

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Contemporary Worship



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PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

Holy Spirit, we invite you to fill this place and open our hearts as we gather to worship. Awaken within us a deep sense of your presence, that we may hear your Word and be transformed by your power. Amen.

WELCOME

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

*SONG

Always

My foes are many
They rise against me
But I will hold my ground
I will not fear the war
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way
My help is on the way

Oh my God
He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear
His promise is true
My God will come through always
Always

Trouble surrounds me
Chaos abounding
My soul will rest in You
I will not fear the war
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way
My help is on the way

I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord

COMMUNITY LIFE

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

Holy Spirit, we confess that too often we doubt your presence among us. In the beginning, you hovered over creation. You seek to breathe new life into us, yet we turn away, choosing comfort over transformation.

Forgive us, O God, for the times we stifle the flames you ignite within us, for the moments we have been slow to act on the promptings of your Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, renew us, that we may be vessels of your grace, empowered to live and love as you intend. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, who empowers us by the Spirit. Amen.

***SONGS**

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord
Won't You speak, O Lord?
Won't You speak, O Lord?
Won't You speak, O Lord?
Give us ears to hear You
Give us ears to hear You
Won't You speak, O Lord?
Oh, won't You speak, O Lord?

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Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory
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Rising Sun

Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun (oh)
Your Name is higher than the rising sun (oh)
Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Oh oh oh oh
Oh oh oh oh
Hallelujah name above all
Simply to speak Your Name is praise
Hallelujah now and always
Forever we lift Your Name in praise
Hallelujah our God You reign
Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh

Hallelujah name above all
Hallelujah name above all
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING OUR GIFTS

SONG

Lord Of Lords

Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for
To worship You Jesus is my sole desire
For this very heart
You have shaped for Your pleasure
Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender in pure adoration
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise
I am Your servant come to bring You glory
As is fit for the works of Your hands

Spirit now living and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race

Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
All of eternity echoes the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
Call all the sinners to join in the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

Holy Lord
You are holy
Jesus Christ is the Lord

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE • Acts 2:1-21

THE MESSAGE

"This is That"

Rev. Merchant

COMMUNION

Rev. Merchant

SONGS

Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord
(Your Presence Lord)
(Your Presence)
(Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

Set A Fire

No place I would rather be
No place I would rather be
No place I would rather be
Than here in Your love
Here in Your love

(So) set a fire down in my soul
That I can't contain and I can't control
I want more of You God
I want more of You God

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Merchant

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Flowers are Dedicated in celebration of Fred and Leslie Depenbrock's marriage on June 24, 1961.

Flower Availability: Available Dates: July 13 & 27. 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.

NEWS & EVENTS AT FIRST PRES!

Stay Connected: Young Adult Mission Trip

Our Young Adult Ministry are in El Salvador from June 7-13th for their 2025 Mission Trip! We invite you to connect and follow their journey with daily updates of all their activities by [CLICKING HERE](#) to view their online trip journal.

Women's Summer Book Club

June 12th-July 10th

Join us on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Spanish Room for our Women's Summer Book Club as we review the book "The Secret Life of Bees"! We will meet weekly from June 12-July 10. You can purchase the book online or at a local bookstore. Connect with Mona Petersen for more information at MonaP@firstpres.cc or 954-646-6881.

Adult Activity Center (AAC) Meet & Greet!

June 19th, Panera Bread - Imperial Square

Join us at AAC Thursday at 11:00 am for a Meet & Greet with our new AAC Director, Ellen Whiteman! We will meet at Panera Bread in Imperial Square, 5975 N. Federal Hwy. RSVP to Ellen Whiteman at ellenw@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.

Habitat Build Day!

June 21st

Join us Saturday, June 21st, for our Habitat for Humanity Build Day. Email Kathy Craven for more information and to register at wrcrv@aol.com.

Fellowship Breakfast Update

July 13th

The Fellowship Breakfast was cancelled for June due to Youth & Scholarship Sunday. The July Fellowship Breakfast has been moved to July 13th due to the Fourth of July Holiday weekend. We look forward to sharing a meal together on July 13th!

Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!

August 4-8th

Join us for a super fun Vacation Bible School experience as we celebrate the Good News! This exciting opportunity is happening August 4-8th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM-12:00pm and is open to PreK 4-5th graders. [CLICK HERE](#) to registration. Contact Cindy Vason at (954) 598-9341 or cindyv@firstpres.cc.

Vacation Bible School - Volunteers Needed!

August 4-8th

It's such a fun and meaningful week — but as you know, we can't make it happen without the incredible help of amazing volunteers! Even if you can't be here for the week, join us for a day or two. Any help is greatly appreciated. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

Church Membership Connection:

The Next Membership Connection opportunity is June 22nd at 10:30am in the Neumann Center Library. Please email Karyn Greep at KarynG@firstpres.cc if you are interested in attending our new member class.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30am Contemporary Worship

Contemporary worship takes place in our Fellowship Hall. A more relaxed atmosphere, with contemporary music, worship band, casual attire, and Sunday School for 5th grade and younger.

11:00am Traditional Worship

This service takes place in our Sanctuary. Our late morning service is held in a formal setting, offering everything a traditional worship service provides including organ music, hymns, choir and more!

Children Sunday School at 9:30am

Ages: PreK4 - 5th Grade / Neumann Center

The Children's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale provides a place where children are nurtured through their faith journey with love, compassion, and tons of fun! Offering more than a dozen programs and classes each year, the Children's Ministry seeks to enrich families with unique faith-based opportunities.

Child care services are offered during worship for infants-Prek4.

Contact Cindy Vason for more information, cindyv@firstpres.cc.

Livestream Worship Every Sunday

Can't make it in person? No problem! Both services are streamed live online via our website and YouTube channel, so you can worship with us from wherever you are. Visit firstpres.cc/worship for instructions on how to access our Sunday service livestream.

Get Connected!

Come see us at the Connections Counter where you will find members of the Connect Team ready to help you take your next steps here at First Pres.

Whether you have been a member here for many years or this is your first time today, we believe it is important to grow your faith through worshiping, learning, giving and serving and the Connect Team will help you to do just that!

Are You Looking For a Bible Study?

AstepFURTHER

A resource for individuals, families and small groups. Access this resource on the church app under Worship Resources or on our website under Connect.

For more info or to get plugged into a group, contact Mona Petersen at monap@firstpres.cc or Karyn Greep at karyng@firstpres.cc

Happening Now This Week!

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Connect with one (or more!) of our Ministry groups and strengthen your spiritual growth. We have several opportunities throughout the week, for all ages!
For additional information contact us at 954-462-6200 or info@firstpres.cc.

TUESDAYS

Men's Morning Bible Study

8:00am / Via Zoom (Meeting ID: 483 553 8166)

We are focused on the Gospel of Luke, facilitated by Sam Stark

THURSDAYS

Women's Book Club

10-11am / Spanish Room

Men's Bible Study & Lunch

12pm / In Person
Neumann Center Library

SUNDAYS

New Testament Bible Study

9:45am, In Person.
Bininger Conference Room

Children's Sunday School

9:30am & 11:00am
PreK3 & PreK4
Neumann Center, 1st floor
K-5th grade - 9:30am Neumann
Center, 2nd floor; 11:00am
Watts Chapel.

Childcare 9:30am -12:00pm

Newborns-PreK 4,
Neumann Center 1st Floor