

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [cindyy@firstpres.cc](mailto:cindyy@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](mailto: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, [cindyy@firstpres.cc](mailto:cindyy@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](http://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?

## A Step FURTHER

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](mailto:monap@firstpres.cc) or Karyn Greep at [karyng@firstpres.cc](mailto: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](mailto: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