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*Traditional Worship*



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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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Tricia Young

## **PRELUDE**

Anastasiya Naplekova, piano

*Peaceful Harbor - Andre Ferreira*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Young

## **\*OPENING HYMN #361**

AURELIA

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Young

**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.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **\*JOYFUL RESPONSE • *The Gloria Patri* #581**

GREATOREX

**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**

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

**Giving Online is easy, [Click Here](#)**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Samuel Christopher Karentz

Rev. Merchant;  
Elder, Kathy Craven

\*Congregational Response:

**Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

[Psalm 27](#)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Merchant

**Our Father who 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.**

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

Naplekova, piano

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" - C. Atkinson, arr. V. Labenske*

\*THE DOXOLOGY • Hymnal #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & ILLUMINATION

Rev. Young

### PREACHING TEXT

[Habakkuk 2:1-4](#)

### MESSAGE

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

\*CLOSING HYMN #630

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**POSTLUDE**

Susan Dodd, organ

*Trumpet Tune - David N. Johnson*

*\*please stand if you are able*

**Those participating in worship today are:**

*Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, Pastor;*

*Rev. Tricia Young Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Serve;*

*Anastasiya Naplekova, Piano; Susan Dodd, Organist;*

*AV Team: Teo Constantinescu, Bathomy Delice, Ryan Tilbrook*

welcome  
**NEW MEMBERS**

*Join us in welcoming our newest members of First Pres!*

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Sunday, July 12th in the Neumann Center lobby to learn more about our church and ways to get connected. [CLICK HERE to sign up!](#) For more info contact, Karyn Greep at [karyng@firstpres.cc](mailto: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](http://firstpres.cc) or contact us at 954-462-6200 or [info@firstpres.cc](mailto: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  
Binger 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](http://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!