

Pentecost

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Traditional 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

PRELUDE

Damien Bleus, soloist

*O Love of God, How Strong and True - Ralph Vaughan Williams,
arr. Howard Helvey*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Merchant

INTROIT

Cathedral Choir

Wa wa wa Emimimo - Nigerian traditional

***OPENING HYMN #280**

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mona Petersen

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.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Petersen

***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**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Petersen

[Romans 8:14-17](#)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Petersen

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

Rev. Merchant

OFFERTORY

Cathedral Choir

I'm Gonna Sing - Andre Thomas

*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. Merchant

PREACHING TEXT

Rev. Merchant

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

MESSAGE

Rev. Merchant

"This is That"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Merchant

The Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Words of Institution
Celebration of the Supper

CLOSING HYMN #289

MUNICH

On Pentecost They Gathered

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

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Merchant

POSTLUDE

Reid Masters, organ

Toccata in E minor - Johann Pachelbel

Those participating in worship today are:

Dr. Reid Masters, Minister of Music; Cathedral Choir; Damien Bleus, Soloist; Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, Preacher; Mona Petersen, Liturgist

AV Team: Teo Constantinescu, Frantz Cyriac, Mario Rodriguez, Travis Fickinger

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.

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!

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.

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