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Traditional Worship



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PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

Gracious God, quiet my heart and open me to your presence. As I come before you in worship, open my eyes to see you more clearly, my ears to hear your Word more deeply, and my heart to be shaped by your grace. Teach me who you are, and through your Spirit, shape me into the person you are calling me to be. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tricia Young

PRELUDE

Anastasiya Naplekova, piano

Excerpt from *Arabesque no. 1* by Claude Debussy

*CALL TO WORSHIP • From Psalm 103

Rev. Young

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits**
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
**who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
who satisfies you with good as long as you live,
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #509

HOLY MANNA

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chandler Gelb

Gracious God,
You call us your beloved, yet we confess that we do not always see others as you do. We hold tightly to old labels, remember past wrongs, and allow differences to divide us. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your image in one another. Shape us by your grace. Give us eyes to see as you see, hearts willing to forgive, and courage to seek reconciliation. Through Jesus Christ, who has reconciled us to you and made us one. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Gelb

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Cathedral Choir; Naplekova, piano

Look at the World by John Rutter

*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

[Philemon 1:1-25](#)

MESSAGE

Shaped By Grace

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

*CLOSING HYMN #761

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Young

POSTLUDE

Dodd, organ

Postlude in the 18th Century Style by Eric H. Thiman

**please stand if you are able*

***juice is being served & gluten free bread is in the center of the plate*

Those participating in worship today are:

Rev. Tricia Young, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Serve;
Chandler Gelb, Director of Youth & College Ministries;
Dr. Luke Browder, Director of Traditional Worship;
Cathedral Choir; Anastasiya Naplekova, Piano; Susan Dodd, Organ;
AV Team: Teo Constantinescu, Ryan Tilbrook

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Flowers are Given by Tim Akers in loving memory of his mother, Marilyn June Akers, who passed away this past June.

Flower Availability: November 29 and December 13, 20, 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.

UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST PRES

Women's Bible Study - HAPPENING NOW!

Thursdays, 10:00 am, Study and Renewal Center

Join us for our fall session happening now in the Study & Renewal Center, aka the Cottage, as we focus on 'It's All Under Control'. Which is a journey to letting go of the things you can't control, finding the strength to hang on tighter to the things you can, and finally learning how to tell the difference. To learn more contact Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 or MonaP@firstpres.cc.

College Care Package Mission

Now - September 27th

Our church family is sending love and encouragement to 50 undergraduate and graduate students through our College Care Package Mission. These packages, filled with practical items and a touch of home, will be hand delivered in October to our students and will remind them that they are cared for and supported as they navigate their academic journey. You can help by [CLICKING HERE](#) to order directly from our Amazon wish list which will get shipped directly to church, or by dropping the items listed on Amazon at the church by Sunday, September 27th. Financial contributions are also welcome. Please note "College Care Packages" in the memo line. Thank you for blessing our students in this meaningful way! For more info about needed items and more, contact the College Team Chair, Suzanne McCawley at themccawleys@gmail.com.

True Financial Freedom

Wednesday, September 9th, 6:30 pm, Spanish Room

Starting September 9th! Part training, part workshop, part Bible study: Our new six-week course, True Financial Freedom, is designed to help participants develop a healthy, faith-based approach to money management. The course emphasizes viewing money as a tool for God's purposes rather than a source of status or security. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or connect with Mona Petersen for more information at MonaP@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9345.

Installation Service for Rev. Tricia Young

Sunday, September 13th, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary

The Presbytery of Tropical Florida warmly invites the congregation and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale to the Service of Installation for Rev. Tricia Young as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Serve. An installation service is a special service of worship in which the Presbytery celebrates and affirms the covenant of ministry shared by the pastor, the congregation, and the wider church. It is a time of prayer, thanksgiving, and commitment as we begin this new chapter of ministry together.

Adult Activity Center (AAC) for Seniors - Welcome Back Social!

Thursday, September 17th, 10:00 - 11:00 am, St. Andrews Room

Join us on for our AAC Welcome Back Social! Donuts and coffee will be served. RSVP by September 14th to Ellen Whiteman at 954-598-9312 or ellenw@firstpres.cc.

Third Serve Sunday

Sunday, September 20th, 10:45 am, Family Campus

Join our Young Adult Ministry for Third Serve Sunday after our 9:30 am service. This is a monthly gathering every third Sunday of the month where our Young Adults have brunch, play pickleball and other games, and connect. All are welcome so bring a friend, your kids, or even your dog! Contact Jon Bock at jonb@firstpres.cc for more info.

Congregational Nominating Committee 2026

Please prayerfully recommend your nominee(s) to the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) to fill elder, deacon, and CNC positions elected annually. The elder and deacon terms are typically 3-years while the CNC term is 1-year. We are looking for elders to serve specifically in the areas of Worship, Learn, Serve, Connections, and Human Resources. You can make those nominations by [CLICKING HERE](#).

A SACRED SPACE FOR PRAYER

Beginning Sunday, September 13th, the **Watts Chapel** will be open for prayer following each worship service. Located between the Neumann Center and the Sanctuary, this beautiful sacred space offers a quiet place to come, pray, and be prayed for.

Members of our Prayer Ministry will be present to pray with you and for you. All are welcome.

Would you like to be part of this ministry and pray with others?

Please contact Associate Pastor Tricia Young at triciay@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9305.

DISCOVER FIRST PRES!

First time and regular visitors are invited to learn more about First Pres on Sunday, September 13th. Meet at the Connection Counter and we'll share some information about our church, give you a tour of our campus, and answer any questions you may have. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or contact Karyn Greep at karyng@firstpres.cc to schedule a time during the week to meet.

NEW ALL IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Starting September 13, 2026, children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 are invited to our new Sunday School every Sunday from 9:15–10:45 am during the 9:30 am Contemporary Worship service. Check in will be outside the elevator on the 1st floor of the Neumann Center.

Nursery care is available for children under 4.

Kids will enjoy dedicated time to worship, explore the Bible, build friendships, and grow in their faith through engaging large-group worship and small-group community. With exciting updates and improvements to our Children's Ministry, the Neumann Center will provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment where every child can feel at home, build meaningful connections, and discover God's love.



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

Young Adults A Step Further Study

6:30 - 7:45 pm
Spanish Room & The Hinge

WEDNESDAYS

Cherub Choir Rehearsal

PreK 4 - Kindergarten
5:00 - 5:30 pm
Happyland

Good Game Wednesday

Youth, 5:50 - 7:30 pm
Family Campus

Bible History Class

6:30 pm
Chapel in the Sky & Zoom

Financial Freedom

6:30 pm
Spanish Room & Zoom

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study

10:00 - 11:00 am
Study & Renewal Center

Men's Bible Study & Lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm
Neumann Center Library

THURSDAYS (cont.)

Prayer Team Gathering

4:00 pm / Via Zoom
(Meeting ID: 875 15361412)
Passcode: 028762

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Adults, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Choir Room

FRIDAYS

Middle School Youth Group

4:00 - 6:30 pm
The Harbor

SUNDAYS

Children's Choir Rehearsal

1st - 5th Grade
9:00 - 9:30 am
Choir Room

New Testament Bible Study

9:45 am
Bininger Conference Room

First Pres Kids ALL IN Sunday School

Kindergarten - Grade 5
9:15 - 10:45 am
Check In: Neumann Center 1st Floor

Childcare & Nursery

Newborn - Age 4
9:15 am - 12:00 pm
Check In: Neumann Center 1st Floor

Kirk Singer Rehearsal

Middle - High School
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Choir Room

High School Youth Group

4:30 - 6:00 pm
The Harbor

GIVE ONLINE

Make your offering conveniently and securely.
CLICK HERE to give online.

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!