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Contemporary Worship



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PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

Gracious God,
you're the one who invites us,
asking what fills our tables and our hearts.
Teach us to bring what we have
and trust what you will do.
Shape us to love generously and live joyfully,
that our lives may reflect your grace
and your welcome to all.

WELCOME

Jonny Barahona

*SONG

As It Is In Heaven

*Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall*

*Our Father Who art in Heaven
The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall*

*I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song to the Lord*

*Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Every heart proclaim the mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven*

*God give us new every morning
Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
And lead us not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
Father we pray*

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I will sing sing a new song to the Lord*

*Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Every heart proclaim the mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven*

*For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen*

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

BAPTISM

Rev. Merchant

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Merciful God,
you fill our lives with good things,
yet we confess that we are rarely content.
We chase after more:
more comfort, more success, more control,
hoping it will satisfy our restless hearts.
Our tables are crowded, but our souls are hungry.
We trust our possessions more than your promise.**

**Forgive us, Lord.
Loosen our grip on what cannot last.
Teach us to live with gratitude and grace,
so that our lives may be rich toward you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*SONGS

Who You Say I Am

*Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me*

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

*Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes he died for me*

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed*

*I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

*I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am*

*I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
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I am who You say I am*

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Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house
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*In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

Trust In God

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire
Time after time*

*Born of His spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary
Is more than enough*

*I trust In God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail*

*I trust In God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps*

*So this is my story and this is my song
Praising my risen King and Savior
All the day long*

*I trust In God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust In God my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail*

*I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord And He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him
That's why I trust Him*

*I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord
And He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, That's why in God*

*My Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail*

I trust in God, My Savior

*The One who will never fail
He will never fail*

*I sought the Lord
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(optional add-on)CHORUS 3
My Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail*

*I trust in God, My Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Gelb

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Merchant, Amy Merchant, Gelb

SONG

Kirk Singers

Come To The Table

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & ILLUMINATION

Rev. Merchant

SCRIPTURE • [Luke 12:13-21](#)

THE MESSAGE

"Crowded Tables, Empty Lives"

***SONG**

Canvas And Clay

*In my mother's womb, You formed me with Your hands
Known and loved by You, before I took a breath
When I doubt it Lord remind me, I'm wonderfully made
You're an artist and a potter, I'm the canvas and the clay*

*You make all things work together
For my future and for my good
You make all things work together
For Your glory and for Your name*

*There's a healing light, just beyond the clouds
Though I've walked through fire, I see clearly now
I know nothing has been wasted, no failure or mistake
You're an artist and a potter, I'm the canvas and the clay*

*You make all things work together
For my future and for my good
You make all things work together
For Your glory and for Your name (repeat)
When I doubt it Lord remind me
I'm wonderfully made
You're an artist and a potter
I'm the canvas and the clay
I know nothing has been wasted
No failure or mistake
You're an artist and a potter
I'm the canvas and the clay*

*You make all things work together
For my future and for my good
You make all things work together
For Your glory and for Your name*

*When I doubt it Lord remind me
I'm wonderfully made
You're an artist and a potter
I'm the canvas and the clay
all in
I know nothing has been wasted
No failure or mistake*

*You're an artist and a potter
I'm the canvas and the clay*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Merchant

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Congratulations to Christy and Tony Mullins on the baptism of their son, Donovan, at the 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service.

The Flowers are Dedicated in celebration of Bob Sadowski's 78th birthday, given by Arlette Steinberger..

Flower Availability: November 2 and December 21 & 28. 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

Third Serve Sunday - TODAY!

Sunday, October 19th, 10:45 am, Family Campus

Join us today at 10:45 am at the Family Campus for round two of Third Serve Sunday! Come hang with our Young Adult Ministry for brunch, pickleball, and connection after the 9:30 am service. It's a great way to relax, recharge, and build community. All are welcome! For more info contact Jon Bock at jonb@firstpres.cc.

Habitat For Humanity - Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, October 25th, 10:00 am, Founders Park

Join us for the grand opening of the Rick Case Habitat Community, Broward County's largest workforce housing neighborhood. Many of our volunteers helped make this dream a reality, and we're proud to celebrate this major milestone with them. All are invited! For info contact Kathy Craven at wrcrv@aol.com.

Christmas Wreath Sale

Preorder Deadline: October 27 | Pick-up: November 30th

Get your Christmas door décor and support our Kirk Singers! Celebrate the season with a beautiful, handcrafted evergreen wreath. All proceeds help fund their June 2026 Tour, providing life-changing opportunities to share the gift of music near and far. [CLICK HERE](#) to preorder. Wreath pick-up will be on Sunday, November 30th, after each service. Quantities are limited, so order early!

Socktober

October 12th - November 9th

Help Us SOCK It to Poverty! Donate new socks to support our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Broward County. Drop socks in donation boxes across campus—or ship them directly to the church! For more info contact Jake DelNegri at jakedelnegri@gmail.com.

Adult Activity Center (AAC) for Seniors

Thursday, October 23rd, 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

This Thursday at AAC First Pres member Kelley Jackson will be teaching us about Brain Health. Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Menu offering is Spaghetti and Meatballs. RSVP by 10:00 am on Monday to Ellen Whiteman at 954-598-9312 or ellenw@firstpres.cc.

Adult Activity Center (AAC) for Seniors - November Day Outing

Tuesday, November 11th, 11:30 am, Stranahan House

Join us at AAC for our November Day Outing to the Stranahan House on the New River! We'll enjoy a private home tour and a gourmet box lunch from New River Bakery & Cafe on the covered patio of this beautiful and historic home. Contact Ellen Whiteman for more details and to sign up at ellenw@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312. RSVP by October 31st.

Congregational Nominating Committee

Help us fill upcoming elder and deacon roles by making your nominations to the to the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) today. Make your nominations today by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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!



2026 Estimate of Giving Campaign

This fall, our stewardship series is called “**The Shared Table**.” We ask that you prayerfully consider making an Estimate of Giving for the coming year. Your commitment helps us plan well and continue to create space for others at the table. Please return your EOG commitment card by November 2 or submit your estimate through the church app or website. Your estimate can be adjusted at any time if your circumstances change.

“On our giving journey, we have discovered that when we give out of gratitude rather than out of a sense of obligation, it is joy-filled. It is actually something we look forward to.” - Amy Merchant

[CLICK HERE](#) to fill out your 2026 Estimate of Giving today.



Estimate of Giving/Celebration Potluck

Sunday, November 2nd, Fellowship Hall, 11:00 am

Come join us at “**The Shared Table**” as we celebrate our Estimate of Giving campaign by breaking bread together.

We'll be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck after our single, combined service on Sunday, November 2nd. The church will be providing chicken as a main dish, with chicken fingers and other kid friendly items for the kids!

Please bring a dish to share. Here is a list of what to bring by last name:
A–G: Salad, H–M: Side dish, N–Z: Dessert

Please note: Your dish does not have to be homemade, we just hope you'll join us! Bring your recipe on a card to share if you wish!

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 / 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)
Starting Book of Proverbs

Young Adults A Step Further Study

6:30 - 7:45 pm
Spanish Room

WEDNESDAYS

Cherub Choir Rehearsals

5:00 - 5:30 pm
Happyland

Good Game Wednesday

5:30-7:30 pm
Family Campus

Wednesday Night Live!

5:30-6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
[CLICK HERE](#) to
RSVP by Monday.
Adults: \$12 / Students: \$8
Kids Under 5: Free
This Weeks Menu:
Spaghetti & Meatballs

Bible History Class

6:30-7:30 pm
Chapel In The Sky

A Step Further

6:30-7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

ALPHA

6:00-7:30 pm
Study & Renewal Center

Happening This Week Continued:

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study

10:00 - 11:00 am

Study & Renewal Center

Adult Activity Center (AAC)

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Men's Bible Study & Lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Neumann Center Library

Cathedral Choir (Adults)

Rehearsal 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Choir Room

FRIDAYS

Middle School Youth Group

4:00 - 6:30 pm

The Harbor

SATURDAYS

BetterMan

8:00 - 9:30 am

Study & Renewal Center

SUNDAYS

Children's Choir Rehearsals

9:00 - 9:30 am

Choir Room

New Testament Bible Study

9:45 am

Bininger Conference Room

Children's Sunday School

PreK3 & PreK4

9:30 & 11:00 am:

Neumann Center, 1st floor

K-5th Grade

9:30 am: Neumann Center, 2nd floor

11:00 am: Watts Chapel

Childcare

Newborns-PreK 4

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Neumann Center 1st Floor

Kirk Singer Rehearsal

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Choir Room

High School Youth Group

4:30 - 6:00 pm

The Harbor