



WORDS BY TOM S. LONG
MUSIC BY ALLEN POTE

WE GOTTA LOTTA STORIES

Soloists: Ellie Smiley, Charlie Whiteman

BUILD ON THE ROCK

Soloists: Abigail Henderson, Violette Bennett,
Ellie Smiley, Jake DeNegri

GROW IN ME

Soloist: Athena Petropoulos

GET WHAT YOU DESERVE

Soloists: Valentina Navarra, Jack Benson,
Holt Fasulo, Daniel Henderson, Lincoln Rodgers

HOMECOMING

Soloists: Lilly Gonzalez, Sabrina Navarra

PARTY AT HEAVEN'S GATE

Soloist: Lexi Bennett

PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD

Soloist: Lucille Fasulo, all 5th grade

RESURRECTION

PARTY AT HEAVEN'S GATE (Reprise)

CHERUB CHOIR:

Ali Ackerman, Logan Ackerman, Luke Ackerman, Chloe Cregan,
Katelyn Owen, Everly Platt, Sadie Platt, John Saunders

CALVIN CHOIR:

1st Grade: Aubrey Arnold, Stiles Arnold, Ellie Benson, Harper Bennett, Chelsea Mulligan
2nd Grade: Eleanor Montecalvo, Caleb Petersen, Leah Petersen, Penny Smiley

CAROLER CHOIR:

3rd Grade: Holt Fasulo, Daniel Henderson, Lincoln Rodgers
4th Grade: Violette Bennett, Jack Benson, Valentina Navarra,
Ellie Smiley, Charlie Whiteman
5th Grade: Lexi Bennett, Jake DeNegri, Lucille Fasulo, Lilly Gonzalez,
Abigail Henderson, Sabrina Navarra, Athena Petropoulos

Choir Moms: Sarah DeNegri, Jerilyn Petropoulos, Cari Cregan, Emily Owen

Director: Gretchen Fasulo • **Accompanist:** Susan Dodd
Percussion: Albert Leonardis

STAFF:

Robin McEachern, Minister of Music • Michael Sayers, Music Associate
Gretchen Fasulo, Music Assistant • Susan Dodd, Assistant Organist
Cindy Vason, Director of Children's Ministry



CHILDREN

Up to 5th grade

Children's Sunday School

Sundays / 9:30am
Pre K 3-4: Room NC 120
K-5th grade: Rooms NC 219-223

Children's Chapel Time

Sundays / 11:00am / Watts Chapel
Pre K 4-5th grade

YOUTH & COLLEGE

6th grade thru college

High School Small Group

Wednesdays / 6:30 pm / the Harbor

Middle School Sunday School

Sundays / 9:30am / the Harbor
Contact: Chandler Gelb 954-232-4378

ADULTS

Beginning at 21 yrs

YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesdays / 6:15pm / Floridian Restaurant
Contact: Simeon Rodgers 954-706-2292
Ask about the Facebook group for updates!

ADULT STUDIES

Small Group Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

Wednesdays / 6:30pm / Room NC-216

"Grow With the Gospels"

Wednesdays / 6:30pm / Chapel In The Sky

"The Gospel of Mark for Everyone"

Sundays / 9:30am / Room NC-216

Small Group Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

Sundays / 10:45am / Room NC-216

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Room NC-202 (Neumann Center Library)

Morning Bible Study for Men

Tuesdays / 7:45am

Bible Study and Lunch

Thursdays / 12:00pm

Congregational Care Support Groups

Divorce Care Support Group has concluded, a new 13-week support group will begin in October. Contact: carpenter.kristen@yahoo.com OR visit: www.divorcecare.org

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.FIRSTPRES.CC

Contact Our Ministry Directors:

CHILDREN'S - Cindy Vason, Director / 954-598-9341 / CindyV@firstpres.cc
YOUTH & COLLEGE - Chandler Gelb, Interim Director / 954-598-9361 / ChandlerG@firstpres.cc
YOUNG ADULTS Simeon Rodgers, Intern / 954-598-9361 / SimeonR@firstpres.cc
ADULTS - Mona Petersen, Director / 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc



11 AM

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship! As a courtesy to others around you, please silence your cell phone. Nursery service is available in the Neumann Center for children aged 3 and younger. Ask an usher for assistance, if needed.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As I come into this place of worship in the name of Your Son, be with me, that I may know the dawn of Your mercy, and the sweet taste of Your favor. God of power and might, let Your love shine on me and through me to others. Take the blindness from my eyes and my heart. Give me the joy of knowing and serving You in all that I say, think and do. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Preludium I"

— J. S. Bach

MICHAEL SAYERS, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN 288**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

REV. PAMELA MASTEN

Lord God, in the light of Your glory
we see the evil we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.
Heal us of our sin,
wash us in Your mercy,
and feed us with Your grace,
so that we may follow Your way
and tell the good news of the gospel.
Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

* **JOYFUL RESPONSE** "Jesus Loves the Little Children"
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world:
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight!
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 5:11-14

REV. PAMELA MASTEN

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**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE
WITH 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.

PREACHING TEXT Acts 9: 1-20 N.T. PAGE 127

THE MESSAGE "What is Your Story?" REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL (SEE PAGE 5)

RECOGNITION OF 5TH GRADERS

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ORGAN

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** REV. PAMELA MASTEN

*** HYMN 379** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" WILLIAM BRADBURY

*** INVITATION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Hornpipe" (from *Water Music Suite*) ORGAN
– G. F. Handel

*If you would like to pray with someone in person,
there will be a team in front of the steps after the service.*

WELCOME GUESTS!

- Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the foyer of the Neumann Center after worship.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.
- Please feel free to follow today's scripture readings on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fpcguest
- For families with young children: We have a "crying room" located in the Spanish Room with a live stream of the service. (Also through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.)

Children's Sunday School Schedule:

- **9:30am** in the Neumann Center – All children will come together during the Contemporary worship service for a children's message and then will be led by their teachers to their respective classrooms. PreK 3 & 4 in Room NC 120
K-5th grade in Rooms NC 219, 221, 223 (2nd floor)
- **11am** Children's Chapel in Watts Chapel (PreK4-5th grade)
- Nursery care is available for newborns– age 2 in Room NC 127

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED:

To Janet Ritchie and family on the death of her husband, Charles (Chuck) Ritchie, on April 24, 2019.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Pamela Masten, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*
Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, *Associate Pastor*

PLEASE VISIT <http://firstpres.cc/about-us/staff/> for the full staff listing.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: July 21, July 28
Our Deacons weekly divide the altar flowers that are not taken by the sender and deliver them to our Care Connects and to any others who might need cheering up. If you have any unused bud vases, thank you for bringing them to church for use by our Deacons in this ministry.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

We are a praying church and we have a team of prayer warriors who will pray and lift up your prayer requests and praises each week. Please write them on your Connect Card or email them to DarleenC@firstpres.cc to be placed in our prayer letter. If you would like to pray with someone in person, there will be a team in front of the steps after the service each week. Would you like to be a prayer warrior? Please email Darleen to receive our weekly prayer letter or join us on Thursdays at 4pm in the Sanctuary for a candlelit prayer gathering where we lift up our prayer requests to God.

If you or someone you love is in the hospital, please let us know. HIPAA laws do not allow the hospitals to call and inform us, so we rely on you. Thank you in advance.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

We offer breakfast in the St. Andrew's Room every Sunday morning from 9:15 am – 11 am. So whatever service you attend – you can still join us for a delicious, homemade breakfast before or after church. Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed.

We would like to recognize and congratulate the following 5th graders as they embark on their journey into Middle School!

Lexy Bennett	Lilly Koch
Ginger Boardman	Addison Malin
Jake DelNegri	Sabrina Navarra
Lucy Fasulo	Athena Petropoulos
Lilly Gonzalez	Ryan Reynen
Abigail Henderson	Ricardo Thorndike
Tyler Hess	Matthew Wunsch

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Friends of Women of Faith

Tuesday, May 7 at 6pm in the study and Renewal Center. Join us as we delve into topics covered at past Women of Faith conferences and new topics that evoke Christian responses and dialogue. Contact mkramer113@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Night Live!

May 8, Dinner: 5pm - 6:30pm, Menu: Chicken Marsala. Please make reservations by noon Monday: wnl@firstpres.cc / 954-462-6200

AAC [Senior Adult Ministry]

Thursday, May 9, 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall
Program: BINGO, Trivia & Fun with Pastor Nic Merchant
Join us for this fun-filled day with lots of prizes. We will celebrate all mothers this day! Cost: \$9, Menu Selection: Chicken Marsala. RSVP to Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 / LauraZ@firstpres.cc

Mother & Son Dance, Dinner*Entertainment*Memories*

Thursday, May 9, 6pm-8pm, in Fellowship Hall
For ages 4 and up, the cost is \$15 per person and the attire is semi-formal. Have more than one son? Invite their grandmother, aunt, or special someone! For more info or to purchase tickets, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341. **TODAY is the last day to purchase tickets!**

Women's Ministry

Christian Women Connect will resume "When I Lay My Isaac Down" (see details on back ACE panel)

Cheerleading Camp Registration has begun!

June 17-21, 9am – 3pm, Ages 5 – 12
Registration forms are now available on our website for this awesome summer program! Registration deadline: June 4.
For more information, please contact: Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc

Save the date for this summer

Vacation Bible School: August 5 - 9 (Full day camp available)
For more information, please contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341.

SERRV Ministry

Thanks to your support, our SERRV ministry is sending a donation of \$1,500 specifically earmarked for eye exams and glasses for those who would otherwise have no access. Thank you!

WNL Fall Series on Homelessness

Ever wonder why someone can't do something about homelessness in Fort Lauderdale? The fact is, there are thousands of people working every day to eliminate homelessness in our community. Join us on September 11, 2019 this Fall during Wednesday Night Live as we begin to separate Homeless Fact from Fiction. For 8 weeks, we will talk with many who are leading this effort. Find out who, find out what, and find out if you would like to get involved.