



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 DelNegri

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 DelNegri, Lucille Fasulo, Lilly Gonzalez,
Abigail Henderson, Sabrina Navarra, Athena Petropoulos

Choir Moms: Sarah DelNegri, 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



9:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Welcome, we are happy to have you with us in worship at First Pres.
The nursery is available for children 3 and younger, if you choose,
but we would also love to have your children worship with us.

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday in Easter

* **Worship**

Community Life

Rev. Pamela Masten

Scripture Reading

Acts 9: 1-20

The Message

"What is Your Story?"

Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

Children's Musical

"Once Upon a Parable"

(see page 5)

Sharing our Gifts

"Lord of Lords"

- Hillsong

* **Worship**

* **Benediction**

*please stand if you are able

Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

Preacher: Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant

Worship Team: Ragan Jacaty, Albert Leonardis, Rev. Nicholas B. Merchant, Rev. Pamela Masten, Mona Petersen, Steve Smithberg

Projection Imagery: Amy Merchant

Sound, Lights, Video: Evan Barber, Mike-Chase Eaton

This week's music

“Lord, I Need You” – Matt Maher
“This I Believe” – Shane and Shane
“My Lighthouse” – Rend Collective

Listen to the songs from worship during the week

Listen to music from worship on Spotify. Download the free app, sign in with your Facebook account, search for Nic Merchant, and then follow his playlists. *If you do not sign in with a Facebook account, then type “spotify:user:12144083752” and hit search.

WELCOME GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us in worship. Please join us for a time of fellowship in the foyer after worship!
- Please feel free to follow today's scripture readings on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fpcguest
- First Presbyterian is also the home of Happyland Day School, a quality preschool for over sixty years. For more info, call 954-463-6051.

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.

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
Ginger Boardman
Jake DelNegri
Lucy Fasulo
Lilly Gonzalez
Abigail Henderson
Tyler Hess

Lilly Koch
Addison Malin
Sabrina Navarra
Athena Petropoulos
Ryan Reynen
Ricardo Thorndike
Matthew Wunsch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: wml@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.