



# Welcome to Worship

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SHARING THE  
GOOD NEWS

MAY 10, 2026  
9 a.m.

ELDER BRIAN PEARCE,  
GUEST SPEAKER

# Service of Divine Worship

9:00 a.m. | May 10, 2026

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly.*

*Leave Gratefully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

## Prelude

"Adoration"  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Florence B Price

## Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Mike Garrett

## Call To Worship #614

"Great Are You Lord"

GREAT IS THE LORD

*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;  
by your power we trust in your love.*

*Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true:  
by your mercy you prove you are love.*

*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!*

*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.*

*Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:*

*Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord.*

## Prayer of Invocation

## Hymn #12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

**Response #581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

**Anthem**

"How Sweet the Sound"

Christi Jones

Women's Ensemble  
Mya S. and Sarah Szopinski,, percussion  
Mary Ann Tally, accompanist

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Elder Rodney Baker

**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.**

**Time for Children****Scripture**

Acts 17:22-31

**Message**

"Sharing The Good News"

Elder Brian Pearce

**Hymn #295**

"Go To The World"

SINE NOMINE

## Benediction

### Benediction Response

"Go Now In Peace"

Besig and Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

### Postlude

"Festal March (Marietta)"  
Dr. Marcia Mervin, organ

Florence B. Price

### Today's Flowers

The Chapel flowers are given to the glory of God  
by the Chapel Flower Guild.

The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God  
by Alex and Madeline McFadyen in loving memory  
of Brenda Carter McFadyen.



### \*About the Composer

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Florence Price was an American composer, pianist, organist, and teacher. She created over 300 works, including for orchestra, various combinations of chamber ensemble, choir, voice and piano, organ, and solo piano. Her compositions often blend Euro-American art

music forms with elements from her African American heritage, such as melodies that reference those of spirituals.

During her life, Price was the first African American woman to earn major recognition as a symphonic composer. However, despite her successes, she struggled to have her works widely performed and openly acknowledged that her being a woman and a person of color were barriers. Much of her catalogue was neglected after her death, but in recent years, new research about her life and work and the revival of her compositions in performance have begun to more fully illuminate her contributions to American music.

### Giving & Tithes

Contributions help us continue our ministry and mission to serve Christ and share His gospel through meaningful worship, loving fellowship, spiritual growth, and compassionate outreach. Scan the code to the right to make a financial contribution -or- visit [www.firstprez.com/give](http://www.firstprez.com/give)



## HAPPENING TODAY

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, May 11

- 12 p.m. Message Seekers
- 4 p.m. UPWARDS Spring Pickleball
- 6:30 p.m. CE Committee (Virtual)

### Tuesday, May 12

- 6 p.m. Stated Deacons Meeting
- 7 p.m. Basketball in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 13

- 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 14

- 5 p.m. Hannah Circle
- 5:15 p.m. Canticle Ringers
- 6 p.m. Courtside Connections Pickleball

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 17 • Graduate Sunday
  - The Gathering: Foundations
- May 18 • Personnel Committee
  - David's Mighty Men
- May 19 • S.A.L.T. Lunch at Sammio's
  - Finance Committee
  - Stated Session Meeting
- May 24 • **Pentecost Sunday**
- May 25 • Church Office Closed
- May 26 • COAP Zoom Meeting
- May 28 • Property Committee Meeting
- May 29 • VBS Work Day
- June 2 • Worship Committee
- June 3 • S.A.L.T. Seagrove Pottery Tour
- June 4 • Engagement Committee
- June 5 • VBS Work Day
- June 6 -13 • Mexico Mission Trip
- June 10 - 12 • VBS Set Up
- June 14 • Stephen Ministry Meeting
- June 15 - 18 • Vacation Bible School
- June 28 - July 4 • Youth Mission Trip



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Please register for lunch at [bit.ly/FPCGrad](https://bit.ly/FPCGrad) or scan the QR code.

### May 17 at 11 a.m.

High school and college graduates will be recognized during the 11 a.m. worship service, followed by a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Have a graduate in your family? Contact Jess at [youth@firstprez.com](mailto:youth@firstprez.com)



Sanctuary flower donors are needed for  
May 24 (Pentecost Sunday),  
May 31 (Memorial Day Weekend), and June 7.

Contact Debra Chestnutt at [debra@chestnutt.com](mailto:debra@chestnutt.com) or (910) 818-9006

Monetary donations are welcome for flowers in the Sanctuary.

Just indicate "Flower Fund" on envelope or check.



*s.a.l.t.*

Seasoned Adults Learning Together

**Tuesday, May 19**

We will meet at Sammio's  
at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to  
Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134

**Wednesday, June 3**

Seagrove Pottery tour and lunch  
at Cagle Family Restaurant.  
We will depart the church at 8:30 a.m.  
RSVP to Ann Rowell at 910-391-2134.



## Buy A Block / Build A House

The Buy A Block / Build A House program was created so that anyone - volunteer or not - can be a part of the construction of a home for a well-deserving family in Reynosa, Mexico.

Ways to be a part of this ministry:

- Prayerfully consider buying a \$10 block(s).
- Submit prayers and Scripture verses for the families whose homes are under construction. These cards will be placed in the blocks as teams build the walls so that the future home is covered with Scripture and prayers for the families. It is not necessary that you buy a block in order to leave a prayer/scripture card.
- Continue to pray for the health and safety of Faith Ministry's staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and friends across the world as they continue to take small steps toward "normalcy".

**Pick up your  
Prayer & Scripture  
card in Eller Hall!**





**JUNE**  
**15 - 18**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

**REGISTRATION IS  
ALMOST FULL!**

**Volunteers & campers:**

Register online at:  
[bit.ly/VBSatFPC](http://bit.ly/VBSatFPC)  
or scan the QR code



## **VBS needs your help!**

Here are some items for VBS that you may already have

**at home or they can be purchased new. We appreciate your help!**

**Brown Packing Paper** - pieces or rolls (the stuff from your amazon boxes)

**Foam Craft Sheets** - any size, but larger is better (green, brown, white)

**Foam Insulation Boards/Large Foam Sheets** - whole or partial

**Paint (new or opened)** - house, acrylic, spray (greens, browns, blues, bright colors)

**Cardstock** - white, green, bright colors

**Tissue Paper** - brown/tan

**White Foam Poster Boards**

**Large Appliance or TV Boxes** - flattened is fine

**2x4s** - if you have any extras laying around

**Wire Hangers**

**Painter's Tape** - blue and green

**White Twin Bed Sheet**

**Flat Bed Sheets** - blues, tans, browns, greens, whites

**Duct Tape** - green, black, brown

**Large Bubble Wrap**

**Plastic Table Cloths** - greens

**Cupcake Liners** - white, colorful

**Napkins** - any color and size

**Disposable Drinking Cups** - 5oz., qty 600

**Plastic Spoons** - qty 100

**Plastic Sandwich Bags** - qty 100

**6 inch Paper Plates**

**Plastic Knives** - qty 100

**Balloons** - any color

**Green Chenille Stems** - qty 100

**Band-aids**

**Index Cards** - neon, qty 100

**Pool Noodles** - slim, any color, qty 10

**We would like to borrow these items  
and they will be returned to you:**

**Faux Greenery, Plants, Trees**

**Hand Mirrors** - qty 8

**Butterfly Net**

**Fishing Vests**

**Several yards of Tulle  
or Mosquito Net**



**Help VBS in  
the easiest way!**

Check out our Amazon Wish List,  
pick out your items and have your  
donation delivered to the church.  
Visit [bit.ly/VBSAmazonList](http://bit.ly/VBSAmazonList)  
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## ARE YOU A FIRST TIME VISITOR?

We'd love to connect with you!

Be sure to fill out a Connect Card and put it in the offering plate or leave it with the pastor on your way out. We also have a gift for you!

### PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Michael Garrett, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Chris Carson,  
Minister of Pastoral Care

### PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Marcia Mervin,  
Director of Music Ministry & Organist  
Jessica Jones,  
Director of Youth Ministry &  
Interim Director of Children's Ministry  
Nichole Russ,  
Director of Communications

### SUPPORT STAFF

Wanda Ussery, Nursery Director  
Anji Martinez, Office Manager  
Nina McLaughlin, Facility Supervisor  
Elisabeth Pait, Administrative Assistant  
Xavier Medina, Custodian

### MUSIC SUPPORT STAFF

Alice Ann Campbell, Accompanist &  
Assistant Organist  
Tim Lloyd, Section Leader  
Joe Evans, Section Leader  
Erin Jackson, Choral Scholar  
Theodore Schwamm, Choral Scholar  
Annalise Sears, Choral Scholar

### CONTACT US

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### STAY CONNECTED!

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#### AUDIO VISUAL

Don Perkins  
Stephen Kelly  
Hoyt K.  
Scott M.  
Bruce McRae  
Jacob Regensburger  
Martha Vorder Bruegge

## Sunday Services

9 a.m. Early Service, Chapel | 11 a.m. Service, Sanctuary

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**#ServeandShare**