

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*



Sisterhood, by Dorothea Pierce

**Women's Sunday
March 8, 2020
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.
LITURGY BULLETIN**

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Here we proclaim and receive the good news

People: that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

- 1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*
- 2. What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!*
- 3. The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!*
- 4. Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We fix our minds on former things, missing the new thing you are doing. We look back with regret, rather than with gratitude. We look forward with anxiety rather than with hope. You offer refuge and strength and yet we trust in ourselves alone. Forgive us, God of grace. Search, break and cleanse our hearts. Show us your way, that we may receive your mercy and grace and be filled with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Congregational Response

MERBECKE

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand if able*

*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!

Children's Time (10:15 A.M.)

REV. REX CHILDS

Faith Stories

CINDY ESLER

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

8:30 A.M. ANN GOODNIGHT

10:15 A.M. RONI HAGGART

Let us pray: Gracious God, we ask now that by the power of your Holy Spirit you would open our ears to hear and our hearts to receive your word. In Jesus name. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 121

PEW BIBLE PAGE 498

Our first reading this morning comes from the book of Psalms. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Second Reading

Mark 14:1-9

PEW BIBLE PAGE 826

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." ³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In Remembrance of Her

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA 1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Please pass the Friendship Pads so everyone in your row may sign in and so that you can see who is worshipping with you this morning. Friends, in Jesus Christ we have received grace upon grace. Responding with gratitude and faith, let us freely and extravagantly give of the blessings we have received. We will now receive the morning offering as well as the gifts of our hands.

The Offertory

I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked

GEOFFREY O'HARA
ARR. C. HARRY CAUSEY

*The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, everything we have, and all that we are, has come from you. We return but a portion. We dedicate these gifts, tithes and offerings to you. Use them and use our lives for your ministry in and through your people. And with them we also dedicate the work of our hands, the ministries of the Sew and Sew's and Prayer Shawl groups. Bless these gifts as they go to those in need. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

1. *In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*
2. *When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.*
3. *When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.*
4. *Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.*
5. *In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ARR. CRAIG PHILLIPS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we have at FPCN. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, have been trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are going through a difficult time. To learn more or to pray with a Stephen Minister, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall or contact the church office.

PRAYER LIST

* Dick Barkley
* Marjorie Cashion
Joseph Gagliano
* Margaret Green
* Nancy Goodrich
Cathy Hagemeyer
* Bill Harrington
* Marcia Kempers
* Gerald Knudson
* Jane Long
* Rich Olmstead

Judy Sam
* Pat Shoellhorn
Dalton Stokes
Mary Stuczynski
H.A. Summerfield
* John Summerfield
Carrie Vernia
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers
* church member

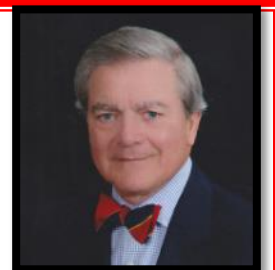
Missionary (Honduras)
Dorie Hjalmarson
Central Presbyterian Reformed
Church, Matanzas, Cuba
Rev. Beidy Casas Aragon
Yaquelin Arvelo
Keimi Horta



Dr. George Wirth *Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m.*

Come hear Rev. Dr. George Wirth tell about his experiences with the real 'Mister Rogers' of television fame.

Rev. Dr. Wirth will preach the sermon, "Who Cares?" on Sunday, March 15, 2020.



Feed the 5,000

This month we are helping to support the food pantry at St. Matthew's House. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" marked "Feed the 5,000" and placed in the offering plate.

The Palms Society—Parlor Talks

This morning at 9:30 or 11:30 a.m. join Linda Gadkowski, Certified Financial Planner, in the Parlor for *You and Your Spouse—Know the “what ifs” When One Passes*. Learn how to be prepared to handle the hurdles of the first year of being a widow or widower and the resources available to you. Additionally, we will discuss the new **SECURE ACT** and important changes to the retirement savings laws.

Final Church Tour of the Season

The final tour of this season will held this morning following the 10:15 a.m. service. This will be approximately a half-hour tour. We will meet at the Sanctuary Chancel steps.

Lenten Organ Concerts

Each Wednesday at noon during Lent the spectacular Ruffatti pipe organ is featured in Lenten organ recitals offered by Dr. Brice Gerlach. In these informal concerts Brice explains some of the mechanical workings of the organ and offers musical insights about the pieces he performs. After the recital, the audience is invited to view the console, to ask questions and to see the beautiful woodwork and craftsmanship of the Ruffatti. Tours of the pipe chambers are also offered each week.

Speaker's Forum

On Monday, March 9 we welcome Dennis O'Keefe, Sr. Director of Corporate Communications at Arthrex, a global medical device company, based in Naples. We invite you to learn more about Arthrex by joining us for coffee and refreshments at 10 a.m. and the program at 10:30 a.m. in Spencer Hall.

Wednesdays at First—Spiritual Practices for Lent and for Life

- March 11— “Walking as a Spiritual Practice” led by Jonathan Stalls
- March 18 — Congregational Dinner
- March 25 — “The Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice” led by Nancy Van Fleet
- April 1 — “Taizé Worship” led by Brice Gerlach and Craig Goodrich

Dinner (\$10) begins at 5:30 p.m. and requires a reservation. Program begins at 6 p.m. **In order to have an adequate amount of food for everyone, please make your reservations by noon on Monday.** You can either sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

Walking to Connect: Witness, Healing and Being Thursday, March 12 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us for a unique 2.5 mile, 4-5 mile or 10 mile option walking experience (we will provide bus rides back to the church for shorter walks). Jonathon Stalls, our speaker at Wednesdays at First on March 11, will host various practices, provide conversational/reflective prompts and education related to how we can connect and heal our relationship to others, to the natural world, and oneself through a practical and/or mindful walking routine. We will have an optional 6:30 p.m. reflection at the church to go deeper into questions/ideas around their personal walking experience earlier that day. Meet in the church courtyard at 9 a.m. Please bring water, snacks and your lunch.

Misión Peniel Collection

We will be collecting items in Spencer Hall through March 15. Men: long pants (no shorts), sizes 28-36 only, sneakers, work boots, light jackets. Women: sneakers, shirts, sweatshirts, light jackets, pants. Children: clothing, diapers sizes 4,5,6. Toiletries: shampoo/conditioner, (not hotel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, soap, lotion. Linens: lightweight blankets, sheets, full size bath towels.

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Tuesday, March 17: Help build a home for a needy family. The church bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. and returns around noon. Sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Yancey Brame, jybrame@gmail.com.

Congregational Dinner - "St. Patrick's Day Plus One"

Only two Sundays left to get your tickets! Join us on Wednesday, March 18, for a fun evening. Tickets (\$22) are on sale in Spencer Hall, in the church office, or you can call Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and a memo for Congregational Dinner.

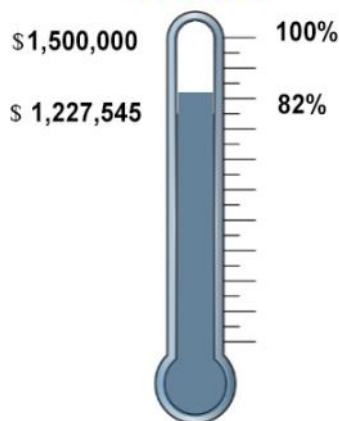
CPR/AED Course

The deacons are offering a CPR/AED course to those interested on Saturday, March 21 in Spencer Hall at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is conducted by the Naples Fire Department at no cost unless you want to purchase the heart saver card, which costs \$20 (payable the day of the class). To register for the class, please contact Barbara Beach at 239.877.6064 or btousaw@yahoo.com as spaces are limited.

FPCN Women's Retreat—Friday, March 27 5:30 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 28 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Women of the Way are sponsoring "**Wonderfully Made, Freed to Love**" - a retreat to nurture heart, soul and mind. Retreat speaker, Jeannie DuBose, is gifted in the encouragement of women and making the connection between living true to oneself and to God. For more information, see the March Outreach newsletter, visit Spencer Hall, or contact Andie Goodrich at andie.goodrich@gmail.com or 404.317.5850. Registration available in Spencer Hall. \$30 fee includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

GOAL!



Generosity Campaign Update

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to you for your generous pledges to the *2020 Vision: Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart* Generosity Campaign! It is through your continued generosity that we can support our wonderful worship & music ministry, mission outreach to our community, our ministries of care, and our education and programs for children, youth and adults.

To date we have received 253 pledges and \$1,227,545 toward our goals of 325 pledges and \$1,500,000, 82% of our annual goal!

Please know that your involvement and support are an essential part of this work. If you have not turned in your pledge card, they can be placed in the offering on Sunday morning, brought to the church office, mailed in or you can pledge online through our secure website, www.fpcnaples.org/give. Thank you!

Nominating Committee

We are now accepting names for people to serve on the Nominating Committee of FPCN. The Nominating Committee is responsible for presenting a slate of individuals who will serve as Elders and Deacons. If you, or someone you know would like to be considered for this important role, please complete the form and return it to the church office. You may also e-mail your nomination to Sharman Pfaus or complete the form online at fpcnaples.org/aboutus. A congregational meeting will be held on March 29 to vote on the members of the committee.

Nominating Form

Name of Nominee _____

I hereby nominate the individual listed above for serving on the Nominating Committee.

Name of person who is nominating the above referenced individual:

_____ Member of FPC _____ (check if yes)

Please return this form by March 20, 2020 to the Nominating Committee c/o Sharman Pfaus via mail to: First Presbyterian Church of Naples, 250 Sixth Street South, Naples, FL 34102 or leave in it the offering plate on Sunday to the attention of Sharman Pfaus.

STAFF

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You are invited to purchase a beautiful lily to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$20 per plant/dedication. You may take your lily home following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please **PRINT** your information and submit this form to First Presbyterian Church, 250 Sixth Street S., Naples, FL 34102. Make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church**, and indicate "Lily" on the check memo.

Deadline for dedications is March 31, 2020.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of donor(s) _____

Phone: _____ # of Lilies _____ (\$20 each)

In HONOR or MEMORY of: (circle one)

Please note, this will not be a tax deductible contribution.

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