

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



*Apse of basilica of St. Peter's in Rome, Italy
Masterpieces of Bernini; Chair of St. Peter and Gloria, the descent of the Holy Spirit.*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019
LITURGY BULLETIN**

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 67*)

Leader: May God be gracious to us;

People: *May the Lord bless us and make his face to shine upon us.*

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: *for God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon the earth.*

Leader: May God continue to bless us;

People: *let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise # 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

JANET ROOT

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Congregational response #466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

All: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: ***Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.***

All: Thanks be to God!

*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

NANCY VAN FLEET

COMMISSIONING OF THE MONTREAT PARTICIPANTS

Faith Arsenault, Grace Austin, Nicholas Brocker, Mike Calyore, Ayla Coine, Maryn Coine, Rev. Rex Childs, Vanessa Giraldo-Castano, Audrey Gordon, Daisey Mackey, Ashlee Murray, Samantha Sacristan, Macey Scerba, Kyle Sherry, Emma Uzupes-Owens, Nancy Van Fleet

Presentation of New Members
James Brame and Amy Manley
Questions of Members

SARALENE OLDHAM, CLERK OF SESSION

Question of the Congregation

Elder: Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture these members by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

Prayer

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray. Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your instruction in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will for our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

First Reading

Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

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Our first reading this morning comes from Revelation, chapters 21 and 22 . Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Fourfold Amen

I. L. JENNINGS

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Advocate

REV. REX CHILDS

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 the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

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.

We see God's love in the person of Jesus Christ and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In gratitude for these and all of God's wondrous gifts, we are called to respond by showing our love for God and for one another. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. We will now receive the morning offering.

The Offertory

Let There Be Peace on Earth SY MILLER AND JILL JACKSON

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*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, you are always generous in your love for us. We desire to be generous people in return. May the gifts we have given in this place, as well as those given electronically, be a sign of our great love for you. Help us to use these gifts to further your kingdom here on earth. Amen!

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

*Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on "America, the Beautiful"

MATTHEW H. CORL

Assisting

Ushers: Bill Morgan (head usher), Bob Cook, Paul and Helen Corwith, Gene and Tedi Fraley, Joan Gust

Greeters: Tom and Mary Gahagan, Fred and Jan Garner, Tom and Eloise Ingram, Nancy Wallace
Stephen Minister: Tom Clark

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Flowers have been given by Thomas Morr and family in memory of Karen T. Morr.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

Are you going through life's difficulties alone? Perhaps a Stephen Minister can be there for you. Feel free to stop by the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall after worship.

Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please contact Sharman Pfaus so she can notify the pastor of your hospital stay. Also, please remember to note on the hospital paperwork that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPC single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. There is a table in Spencer Hall to sign up after worship service giving you the time and place.

Prayer List

Dorothy Benedict
Anne Crowl
Norma Dallesandro
KC Fox
Pam Adams Hodge
Lee Irvine
Claiborne Jones

Marcia Kempers
Walter Korntheuer
Alice Rich
Dan Stellema
Dalton Stokes
H.A. Summerfield
Betty Terwelp

Maverick Weidmen
Bill Winfield Family
Central Presbyterian Reformed
Church, Mantazas, Cuba
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

NEWS & EVENTS

Office Hours

The Church office and the Preschool will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Facility Maintenance

During the next few months we will be undertaking some facility maintenance which may require areas to be blocked off to foot traffic. To keep everyone safe, please be mindful of the caution tape and posted signage.

Deacon Brunch

Everyone is invited to join us in Spencer Hall after the service on Sunday, June 2 for a brunch provided by the Deacons. All are welcome for this time of fellowship.

HUDDLE

The men's lunch-time Bible discussion group meets each Thursday from noon to 1:15 p.m. in Spencer Hall. All men are invited and encouraged to bring a bag lunch, a Bible, and gather with us.

Wednesday Morning Men

All men are invited to the next gathering on Wednesday, June 5 at 8 a.m. in Spencer Hall. Rev. Craig Goodrich will present the topic, "Men, Faith and Forgiveness."

Vacation Bible School Registration is now available!

Parents can now register their children for VBS. Visit us online at www.fpcnaples.org/children for registration information. Forms are also available in Spencer Hall and in the church and preschool offices.

Palms Society

How did the vaccine for Yellow Fever get developed? How did National Public Radio get created? How was the Children's Television Workshop founded? Each of these was funded by a planned giving foundation. Yellow Fever-Rockefeller Foundation, NPR-Carnegie, CTW-Ford Foundation. We can help achieve our outreach programs through a planned giving program. Will you help? If you are interested in learning more contact Rev. Craig Goodrich or Linda Gadkowski at lgadkows@capecod.net or 508.292.5500.

The Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden provides a place for the interment of ashes for those choosing this method of burial. Any person may apply for the purchase of a place in the Memorial Garden based on availability and approval of the Facilities Committee. If you would like additional information, please contact Sharman Pfaus, Executive Office Manager.

Flower Calendar

Would you like to memorialize or honor someone close to you? What better way than to provide a flower arrangement on the Chancel during a Sunday service. Not only will they be appreciated by the congregation but the flowers are also separated into individual arrangements and delivered to those having been hospitalized or who are celebrating a momentous birthday. Dedications are \$65. You may sign up on the calendar in Spencer Hall or call Angie Johnson, Office Assistant/ Receptionist.

E-mail communications

In an effort to keep parishioners informed of upcoming events, e-mail blasts are being sent out on a weekly basis. If we do not have your e-mail address or if you are not receiving these notices, please contact Kathleen Law, Communications Coordinator.

Worship Services Online

Do you know of someone unable to attend worship? Would you like to share the service with them? You can view or replay the worship service on our website. The Sunday morning service is available for viewing Sunday afternoon. You can also view previous worship services by visiting the online archives.

Cell Phone Collection

Calling all old cell phones! The Shelter for Abused Women and Children is accepting donations of old cell phones. They will remove the sim cards and reset the phones for 911 use only. The phones are then distributed to women for their use in emergencies. Phones can be brought to the Missions table on Sundays or donated in the church office during the week. Thank you for helping those with emergency safety needs.

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