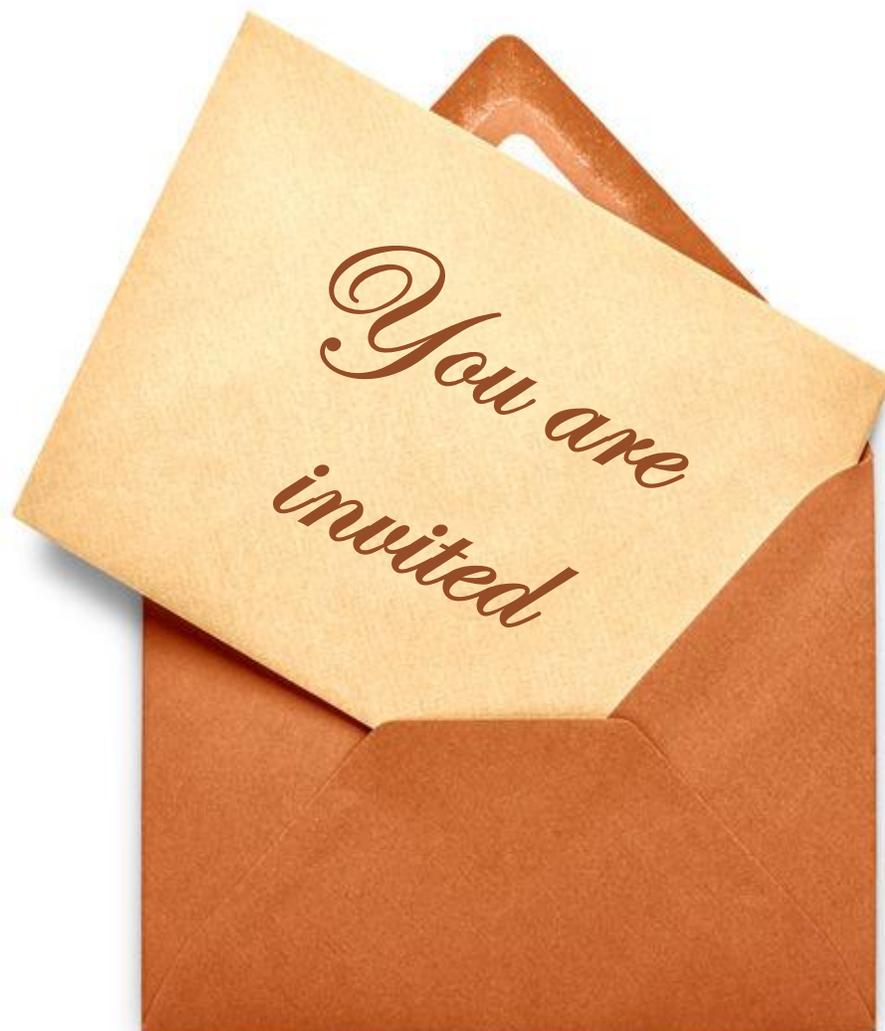


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019
LITURGY BULLETIN**

THE TIME OF GATHERING

The Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style

GORDON YOUNG

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today we gather from near and far to sit together at God's table.

People: *Together we will eat the bread of salvation and drink the cup of salvation.*

Leader: At God's table there is room for everyone.

People: *We give praise to God, who invites us to the feast.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

*Hymn of Praise #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

All: *Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have sought places of honor and to be served rather than serving those in need. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

A Moment for Silent Confession

Congregational response

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

All: *Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.*

Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

JANET ROOT

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13

PEW BIBLE PAGE 610

Our first reading this morning comes from Jeremiah, chapter 2. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

⁷I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. ⁹Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. ¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Such Love

GRAHAM KENDRICK

ARR. CHRISTOPHER TAMBLING

Such love, pure as the whitest snow; such love weeps for the shame I know; such love, paying the debt I owe; O Jesus, such love. Such love, stilling my restlessness; such love, filling my emptiness; such love, showing me holiness; O Jesus, such love. Such love springs from eternity; such love, streaming through history; such love, fountain of life to me; O Jesus, such love.

Second Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

PEW BIBLE PAGE 849

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... 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.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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 mercy, grace and the gifts of fellowship, invitation, and communion. So now, with gratitude, let us freely open our hearts and hands. We will now receive the morning offering.

The Offertory

Day By Day

TEXT: ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER
MUSIC: NORMAN WARREN

*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, we dedicate these tithes and offerings to you and to your work through us in this world that you love. Use what we give and use our lives for your ministries of grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #527

Eat This Bread

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Music

*Through it All
We Shall Behold Him*

ANDRAE CROUCH, ARR. FRED BOCK
DOTTIE RAMBO, ARR. BOCK

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

CHRISTOPHER TAMBLING

Assisting

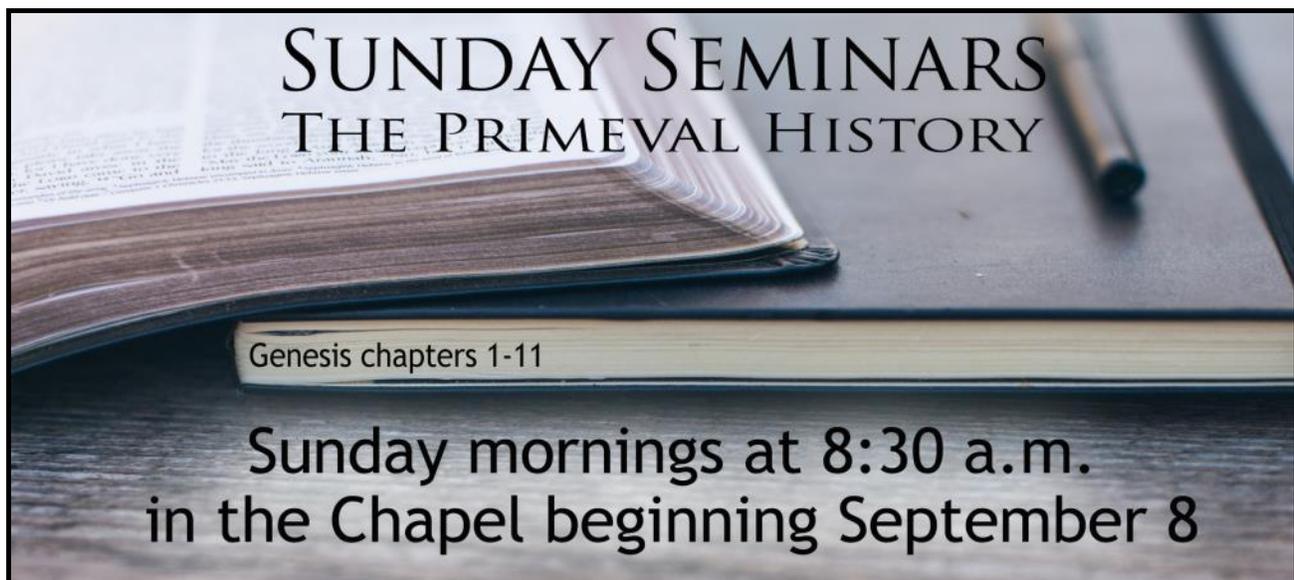
Ushers: Chuck Gomori (head usher), Cynthia Esler, Bob and Pat Mac Minn, Annabella Richardi,
Jay Swallen, Jack Tiller, Donna Tincu, Bill Wright, Walter Yang

Greeters: Deborah Meeson-Vige, Tim Richardson and Susan Easton, Jack and Rebecca Sumlin,
Daisy Scott

Stephen Minister: Tom Clark

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Flowers have been given by Larry Hibbet in memory of
his deceased family members.



**SUNDAY SEMINARS
THE PRIMEVAL HISTORY**

Genesis chapters 1-11

**Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.
in the Chapel beginning September 8**

The stories found at the very beginning of the Bible are some of the most theologically rich in the whole of the Old Testament. They are about the origin of the cosmos and seek to explain the relationship between the Creator and creation.

For four weeks, starting September 8, we will explore these major narratives found in the early chapters of Genesis. The class will be led by Associate Pastor, Rev. Rex Childs, and will meet Sunday mornings before worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Of particular importance is the relationship between God and humanity as well as the role humans play in regards to the earth and all other creatures. In modern times, with vast scientific inquiry, how we read and understand these texts are vital to our faith and how we view these scientific endeavors.

September 8
In the Beginning...

September 15
Forbidden Fruit

September 22
Battle of the Brothers

September 29
The Deluge and Re-Creation

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

After each Sunday service a Stephen Minister is available in Spencer Hall. Feel free to stop by, look at material and talk to a Stephen Minister to find out more about this important ministry.

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 a local selected restaurant. 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. Join us!

Prayer List

KC Fox	Leslie Moore	H.A. Summerfield
Thomas Gallant	Lisa Naylor	Corbin Wyant
Patrick Baar Giger	Claire Peek	Bet Wyker
Ingrid Henderson	Kathy Rau	Central Presbyterian Reformed
Jessica Kasten	Alice Rich & Family	Church, Mantazas, Cuba
Gerald Knudson	Jamie Rogers	The U.S. Military
Jane Long	Dalton Stokes	Stephen Ministers and care receivers

NEWS & EVENTS

Deacons Fund Sunday

Communion Sunday is Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday. Please consider donating to the Deacon Benevolence Fund today by using the pink envelopes in the pews. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Feed the 5,000

This month we will help replenish the food pantry at St. Matthew's House. Please take a Publix bag from the ushers this morning as you leave. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance next Sunday. Checks are made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and may be placed in the collection plate.

Kidz Lab: A Journey in Faith Formation

Kidz Lab is the new name for our Sunday school. After the Children's Time in worship, we invite those in Kindergarten through grade 6 to this interactive faith experience based on the weekly lectionary texts. Children in Kidz Lab engage with the same lessons that their parents hear in worship, which encourages family conversations after the service. Youth are invited to stay in the service or actively help during Kidz Lab.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Our gatherings are open to all men of the congregation and we start each meeting at 8 a.m. with coffee, pastry, and good conversation. On Wednesday, September 4, Bill Kearney will present the topic, *Your Ancestry 'A Time to Share'*. We will meet in Spencer Hall. Following each presentation, all men are invited to join in some question and answer sharing and follow-up discussion. Bring a friend if you'd like.

Church and Preschool hours

The church office and the Preschool will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor day.

Nominations for Church Elder and Deacon

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying those among us who might be ready to serve as a Ruling Elder or as a Deacon. We ask each member to prayerfully reflect on whom you believe God is calling to lead us in these two important ministries and to nominate those persons.

There are two procedural differences this year. First, you DO NOT need to seek permission from the person you are nominating. Just nominate them . . . and the Nominating Committee will take it from there! Second, you will also notice that we have expanded the Nominating Form. There is one form for nominating Elders and another form for nominating Deacons. Each form begins with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order requirements for the specific ordained office. We hope this helps each member understand the sought-after qualities of elders and deacons, as well as the responsibilities held by each office. Forms are available in Spencer Hall, church office, and on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Weiss, Chair of the Committee, at bweiss1952@gmail.com or 239.331.7668.

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 gather with us and bring your lunch and a Bible.

Youth Group

Youth Group is for students in grades 6-12 and is a safe space where all are able to be themselves while seeking to grow in the likeness of Christ. Beginning Thursday, September 5, we will meet 4:30-5:30 p.m. and once a month on Sunday evenings. After some "hang out" time, we have prayer time and discussion. Periodically, middle and high school groups are split up depending on topics of discussion. We will have special events at church and in the community as well as retreats, summer trips and opportunities for volunteer work. Pick up from school can be scheduled. For more information and participation forms, please contact Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children and Youth, nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

Church Calendar—Room Requests

As we approach the upcoming season, we'd like to remind you to contact the church office to schedule meeting space. Please do not assume that if a room is vacant that it is available for use. To reserve a room for your meeting contact Sandy Poore, Director of Facilities, sandyp@fpcnaples.org, or church extension 2028. This will alleviate any awkward situations from occurring.

Palms Society

What can I give? Examples are cash gifts, marketable securities, real estate, life insurance policies, and retirement plans. If you give appreciated assets, such as real estate or securities, neither the church nor the donor pays any taxes and the asset is eliminated from the estate. The donor and the church win! If you are interested in learning more contact Rev. Craig Goodrich or Linda Gadkowski at lgadkows@capecod.net or 508.292.5500.

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