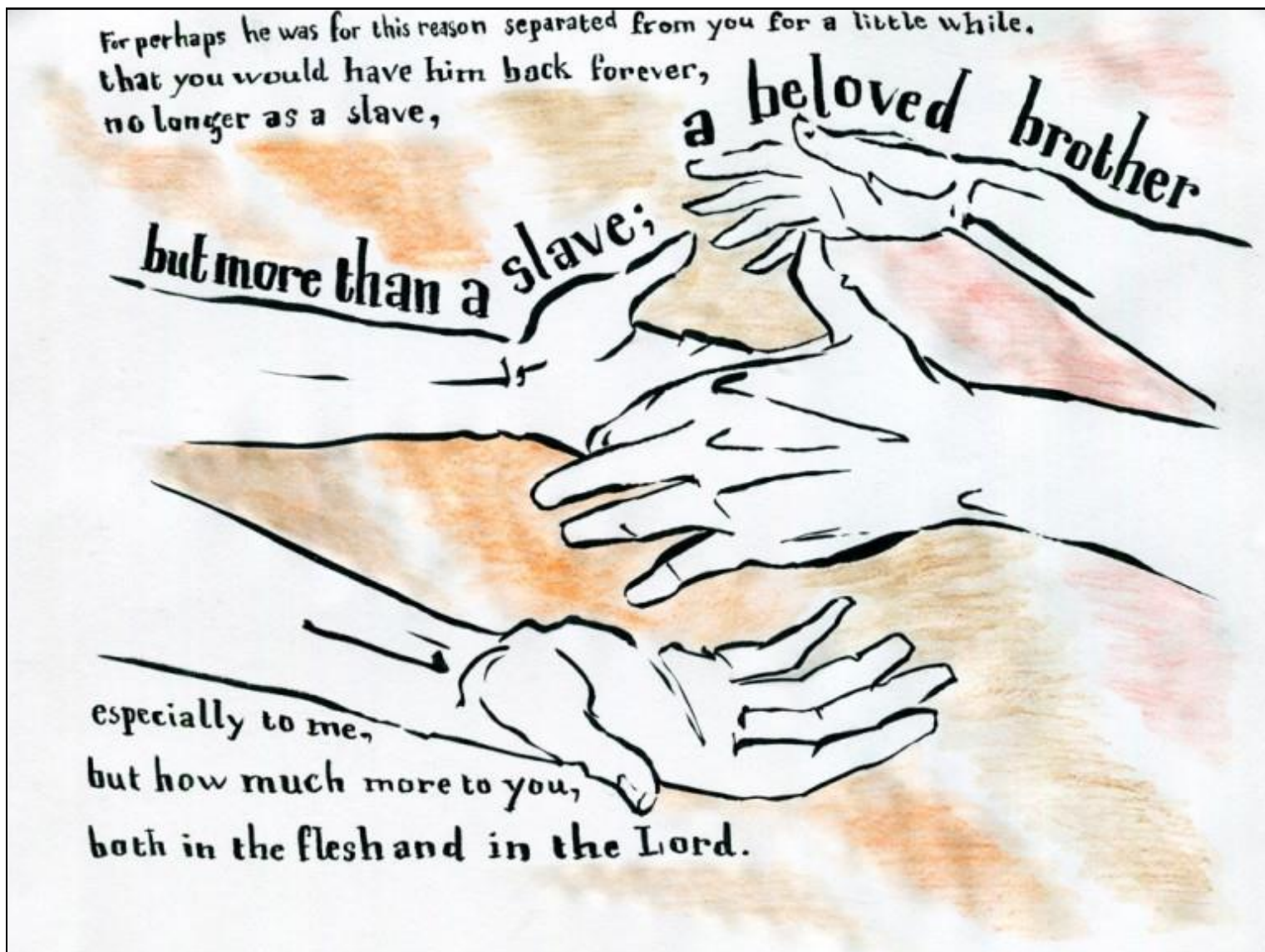


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019
LITURGY BULLETIN**

THE TIME OF GATHERING

The Prelude *Prelude on "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* ARR. JACK W. JONES
Welcome and Life Together REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise #409 *God is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Prayer of Confession

All: O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we often think only of ourselves. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by as others suffer under the weight of oppression. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

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 mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
God's grace abounds. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive your forgiveness 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

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination PATTY RUTZLER

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen!

Our first reading this morning comes from Jeremiah chapter 18. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Change My Heart, O God

EDDIE ESPINOSA

Second Reading

Philemon

PEW BIBLE PAGE 970

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

²²One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. ²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On the Basis of Love

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 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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

REV. REX CHILDS

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.
Just as Philemon owes his life to Paul, we owe our lives and all we have to God. In gratitude for the many gifts we have received, 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

We Walk By Faith

LLOYD LARSON

*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

Loving Lord, the giving of our offerings, both in the plate and electronically, are signs of our allegiance to you: we proclaim you Lord over our lives, Lord over our families, Lord over our finances, and Lord over our future. We give you thanks for all you have given us, and for the privilege to be able to give. Use our gifts for the building up of your kingdom on earth, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen!

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #761 ***Called as Partners in Christ's Service***

BEECHER

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in D

BERTHOLD TOURS

Assisting

Ushers: Chuck Gomori (head usher), Cynthia Esler, Dorothy Gomori, Bob and Pat Mac Minn, Jay Swallen, Jack Tiller, Donna Tincu, Bill Wright, Walter Yang
Greeters: Deborah Meeson-Vige, Tim Richardson and Susan Easton, Karen Parker, Jack and Rebecca Sumlin
Stephen Minister: Karen Parker

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Flowers have been given by
Patty Rutzler in loving memory of her son, Jay
and by
John and Nancy Kay in celebration of their birthdays.



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.

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.

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

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

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

NEWS & EVENTS

Feed the 5,000

This month we will help replenish 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" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and 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.

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. **Forms must be submitted by Thursday, September 12.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Weiss, Chair of the Committee, at bweiss1952@gmail.com or 239.331.7668.

Seekers & Joiners Class

If you would like to become a member of this church or if you have questions about the church, we invite you to come to the **Seekers and Joiners Class** on Sunday, September 22 in the Parlor following the worship service. One becomes a member of the church by professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We receive members by a first-time profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another church or by a reaffirmation of faith in Christ. To learn more visit the Welcome Table following the worship services. Contact Joanne Slager, 239.272.1568 for more information. New members will be received on Sunday, September 29.

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. We meet 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays 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.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Join us on Wednesday, September 18 with the topic, "About the Apostle Paul" led by Franklin Ellis. Our gatherings are open to all men of the congregation and we start each morning at 8 a.m. Following each presentation, all men are invited to join in some question and answer sharing and follow-up discussion. Questions or comments? Contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or skearney@comcast.net.

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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