

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



"Izzy Dolls" and Prayer Shawl made by the Helping Hands Ministry of Presbyterian Women

Women's Sunday
Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.

The Prelude

Adagio (Concerto in D Minor)

ANTONIO VIVALDI, ARR. VIRGIL FOX

Welcome and Announcements

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Call to Worship

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

People: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise # 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1. *God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*
2. *Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*
3. *Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*
4. *Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #580

GREATOREX

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!

*Indicates all who are able, please stand

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

8:30 A.M. SUSAN PRATT
10:15 A.M. RYAN SHERRY

First Reading

Psalm 121

PEW BIBLE PAGE 498

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall. He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

Second Reading

John 3:1-17

PEW BIBLE PAGE 863
10:15 A.M. SUSAN PRATT

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living the Questions

NANCY VAN FLEET

*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.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Cantique de Jean Racine

GABRIEL FAURÉ

*The Doxology

All: 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 and Blessing of the Prayer Shawls, Quilts, and Dolls

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #516 ***For the Bread Which You Have Broken (vs. 1,2,4)***

KINGDOM

- 1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.*
- 2. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.*
- 4. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

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

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Wondrous Love***

ARR. DALE WOOD
ARR. WOOD

Prayer of Blessing

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

- 1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!*
- 2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*
- 4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in D Minor

GORDON BALCH NEVIN

Ushers

- 8:30 a.m. Barbara Beach, Tedi Fraley, Dorothy Gomori, Deborah Meeson-Vige, Carolyn Mollers, Donna TIncu,
10:15 a.m. Kathy Norgart, Saralene Oldham, Karen Parker, Debbie Streamer, Kitty Wildman, Caryn Yarborough.

Greeters

- 8:30 a.m. Amy Manley, Sylvia Marsh, Joan Norris, Mary Vande Voren, Martha Waddell.
10:15 a.m. Chris Calyore, Andie Goodrich, Sue Shenk, Joanne Slager, Barbara Weiss.

Flower Dedication

The chancel flowers are given by Pam Fisher
in honor of the marriage of her son, Matthew, and his wife, Jamie.

Prayer List

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, unless we are notified otherwise. If you wish for a name to be included, please contact the church office.

Jean Abbott
*Linda Arsenault
Pat Curtis
*Norma Dallessandro
*Colleen Evans
*Robin Ferrario
*Pam Fisher
*Margaret Green
Matthew Hudson

Bonnie James
*Nancy Kay
*Becky Lappin
*Marge Martin
*Gene McCree
*Elizabeth Miller
Kent Morse
*Jon Myers
Sharon Pyle
Mary Sherlock

Art Smith
Joanne Taillele
Jason Whitmore

*church member

The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers/care
receivers

Missionary-Honduras
Dorie Hjalmarson

Medical Missionary-
Guatemala
Dr. Mark Speake

Central Presbyterian
Reformed Church
(Matanzas, Cuba)

Guests and Visitors Welcome

We are so glad you joined us in worship this morning. Please visit our Welcome Table in Spencer Hall for a gift and join us for refreshments served by the Presbyterian Women.

GenWE Sunday

Today is GenWE Sunday at 10:15 a.m. These special Sundays, held on the first Sunday of each month, encourage us to gather across generations to worship together. Nursery care is available for our children in preschool and younger and there is also a Wiggle Room adjacent to the sanctuary for those who want to watch the service live while their children have a place to play. We have worship boxes for all our children to help parents guide their children through the service in an interactive way. Please ask an usher for one.

Growing Young event this morning

Our GenWe “Tech Help Sunday” in February was so popular that we are repeating it today. Join us in Spencer Hall, after the 10:15 a.m. service. The youth and young adults will help to answer your technology questions. Bring your phone, computer or even an iPad.

A Season of Music Concert Series

Join us today at 4 p.m. when we welcome Adam Brakel, organist. Brakel’s performance highlights include the complete works of César Franck, and, most notably, the fiendishly difficult Six Etudes of Jeanne Demessieux, of which Adam is one of the few organists in the world to have performed and recorded in its entirety. There is no charge for the concert. A free will offering will be taken. A reception will follow in Spencer Hall.

Women’s Ministry Bible Study

All women are welcome to join us each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. Please bring your Bible as we study the Book of Acts. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmcclure.com.

Lenten Organ Concerts

Join us each Wednesday at noon during Lent as Dr. Brice Gerlach hosts a 30-minute concert featuring the Ruffatti organ. This will be a special opportunity for reflection, meditation, and celebration of this holy season. Tours of the organ are offered following the concert.

Sacred Habits Lenten Journey

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. during Lent, you are invited to join us as we engage in the contemplative practice of *Viseo Divina* (divine seeing) on the art of Vincent van Gogh. In our Lenten devotional by SALT, the words of Scripture and the paintings and letters of Vincent van Gogh will be our guides. If you are attending the Lenten Organ Concerts, we invite you to bring your lunch to enjoy before Sacred Habits in the Youth Room. Contact Nancy Van Fleet for more information at nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

Helping Hands Ministry

The Helping Hands Ministry of the PW includes the Sew and Sews and the Prayer Shawlers groups. Join them on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 204 of the Mase Education Center. The Sew and Sews have challenged themselves to make a quilt for each family as a “house warming gift” when they move into their new home at the Immokalee Fair Housing project. Anyone that knits or crochets is welcome to join, or get a prayer shawl pattern and work at home. For more information, please contact Gail Clark at 239.331.3312.

HUDDLE - A Men’s Bible Discussion Group

All men are invited and encouraged to gather with us in Spencer Hall each Thursday at noon. If unable to attend in person, you are welcome to join the meeting via Zoom. Please contact David Fister at davidf@fpcnaples.org for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

Wednesdays at First—Lent with The Saint John’s Bible

We will hold three evening programs in March (March 8, March 22 and March 29) that will focus on the Lenten season while highlighting *The Saint John’s Bible*. Rev. Craig Goodrich and Rev. Rex Childs will lead the programs and discussions. Dinner (\$10) at 5:30 p.m. and program at 6 p.m. Sign up in Spencer Hall or by contacting Sandy Knight in the church office at sandyk@fpcnaples.org or 239.262.1311.

News & Events

Volunteer at Misión Peniel

Would you like to join us for a short work day at Misión Peniel? Join the Mission team on Friday, March 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Travel by carpool and then we will sort and bag donations of produce, canned goods and other pantry items. Sign up in Spencer Hall at the Mission Table. For more information and trip details contact Lee Ryan at va4ryans@gmail.com.

Mission Fair

Representatives from several local agencies we support will be available in Spencer Hall to visit with you following each worship service on Sunday, March 12. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our mission partners.

Congregational Dinner

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 15, with a catered dinner, sing-a-long and performance by Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance. The cost is \$25 per person and tickets are available in Spencer Hall following the services or from the reception desk during the week.

Blood Drive

Give the gift of life on Monday, March 20, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Free cholesterol screening and mini health screening. Sign up in Spencer Hall or call Pat Collins 239.261.6649 or Tedi Fraley 706.371.2318.

Meals of Hope

Invite your neighbors, friends, family, co-workers and fellow church members to join together on the morning of Saturday, March 25. We will measure, weigh, seal and label nutritional meals for those in need. The ideal packing event involves 100 enthusiastic, caring volunteers, and we encourage you to be one of them. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and the fun continues until late morning. This is an event for anyone from ages 10 to 100. Many of the jobs can be done from a sitting position. For information or to sign up please go to the Missions table in Spencer Hall following church services during the month of March. Questions? Contact Jan Witman 508.948.7586.

2023 Lenten Devotional

The *Presbyterian Outlook* is once again offering accessible and inspiring daily devotions for Lent written by editor Teri McDowell Ott. In *Examen: Inward work for outward living*, Ott explores the ancient spiritual practice of *examen* that focuses on honest assessment and reflection. With a different theme for each week of Lent, readers are invited to explore the connection between internal contemplation and outward action. Themes include examining our fear to live with faith, examining our pain to live with healing, examining our dishonesty to live with truth, examining our joy to live with gratitude, examining our love to live with heart and examining our burdens to live with blessing. Each daily reflection will combine personal reflection with meditation, visualization and short prayers. The prayers can be used as mantras or breath prayers: breathe in praying the first phrase, breathe out praying the last. May God bless you and keep you on your Lenten journey. Our 2023 Lenten devotional is available at the exits and at www.fpcnaples.org/resources.

Giving Opportunities

Deacons Fund Sunday

Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the Deacons' partners in their important local outreach. Please consider donating to the fund today using the pink envelopes located in the pew racks. You may also donate at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Feed the 5,000

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of St. Matthew's House. Food lists of items requested will be handed out following the service today. Contributions will be collected next Sunday. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give. Please select "Feed 5,000" fund.

2023 Generosity Campaign

If you have not already completed a commitment card, and would like to make a commitment to the church, cards may be found in the pews or you can fill one out online (www.fpcnaples.org/give). Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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Easter Lily Order Form

You are invited to purchase a beautiful lily to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$25 per plant/dedication. 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 memo. **Deadline for dedications is March 26.**

Note: one dedication per form. Additional forms can be located in the church office or online.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of donor(s) _____

Phone: _____ # of Lilies _____ (\$25 each)

In HONOR or MEMORY of: (circle one)

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



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