

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



The morning after Hurricane Ian, photo by Keith Gahagan

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022
9:30 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

Let It Be JOHN LENNON AND PAUL MCCARTNEY
Gary Tincu, soloist

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*Call to Worship

Leader: We lift our eyes to the hills.

People: From where will our help come?

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #321 (vs. 1,2,4,5) **The Church's One Foundation**

AURELIA

1. *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*
2. *Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*
4. *Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*
5. *Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, forgive us for all the ways we have fallen short. We have been conformed to this world and have thought more highly of ourselves than we should. We take pride in the gifts we have received from you, thinking them more valuable than others. Help us turn back to you that our love would be genuine, we would be ardent in spirit, and hold fast to what is good. This we pray in Jesus' name.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

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 we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Indicates all who are able, please stand

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

YANCEY BRAME

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

Second Reading

Mark 2:1-12

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When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

Romans 12:9-15

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Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.* ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

No One Alone

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

The Offertory

In This Very Room

RON AND CAROL HARRIS

*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

*Hymn of Commitment #465 ***What A Friend We Have in Jesus***

CONVERSE

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

SIGFRID KARG-ELERT

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Doug Jensen, Sylvia Marsh, Mark Owens, Tim and Gay Stover

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Lucy Koll, Sylvia Marsh, Deb Streamer

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Deborah Meeson-Vige in celebration of all the new members in 2022.

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.

Jenn Abbott
Lora Adams
* Linda Arsenault
Darryl Bernhardt
* Don Barry
* Roy and Marjorie Cashion
* Bill Crawford
* Joan Eisenhauer
* Pam Fisher
Spencer Frantz
* Shirley Hagerson
* Don Herring

Ray Kemner
* Eileen Malstrom
Isabella McKenna
* Gene McCree
Kent Morse
* Jon Myers
* Ted Rojahn
* Corbin Wyant
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers/care receivers
* church member

Missionary (Honduras)
Dorie Hjalmarson

Central Presbyterian Reformed
Church (Matanzas, Cuba)
Marilyn Bello, Jazmin
Martínez, Walkiria Rodríguez,
Patria Gonzalez and family,
Leydis Santana, retired
pastors Miguel Pérez, Ofelia
Ortega, Daniel Montoya, and
for the lack of medicine they
are facing.

Giving Opportunities

In response to the devastation caused from Hurricane Ian, your Session has approved the creation of a **Hurricane Ian Relief Fund** (HIRF) which is open to receive donations that will be distributed to agencies providing relief, based on recommendations from the Missions Committee.

We are also encouraging contributions to the **Pastor's Emergency Assistance Fund**, which is available on a confidential basis to assist individuals who are connected to our congregation with emergency expenses. If you are or know of someone who is in need of assistance, please contact either Rev. Craig Goodrich, craigg@fpcnaples.org or Sharman Pfaus at sharmanp@fpcnaples.org or 239.262.1311.

You may donate to these funds either online (www.fpcnaples.org/give), by cash or check. Please designate which fund your donation is to be given to: **Hurricane Ian Relief Fund** or **Pastor's Emergency Assistance Fund**.

We would encourage you to prayerfully consider donating to both funds. For additional information on these funds and how you contribute, please contact Debbie Savage, Director of Finance, at debbies@fpcnaples.org or 239.262.1311.

Guests and Visitors Welcome

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

Feed the 5,000

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of Helps Outreach. Food bags will be collected at the Sixth Street entrance. 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.

Childcare

Nursery care is available in the Mase Christian Education Center in Room 206 for those in preschool and younger.

Kidz Lab

Children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to Kidz Lab after the Time for Children. Children in Kidz Lab engage in the same scriptures explored in church which encourages family conversations after the service. Children will be brought to Spencer Hall after the service.

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 Gospel of John. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmcclure.com.

HUDDLE

A Men's Bible Discussion Group where all men are invited and encouraged to gather with us in Spencer Hall each Thursday at noon. Bring a Bible and your lunch! 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.

Wednesday's at First

Please join us to listen and discuss key topics/recent exciting experiences with our clergy and senior staff and enjoy fellowship, conversation, and a meal. Dinner (\$10) begins at 5:30 p.m. in and program at 6 p.m. Spencer Hall. To register for dinner please contact Sandy Knight at sandyk@fpcnaples.org by the Monday prior to the event.

- October 12- Rev. Craig Goodrich: *Looking Back with Gratitude and Forward with Hope*
- October 19- Rev. Rex Childs: *General Assembly and the PC(USA)*
- November 2-Dr. Brice Gerlach: *Sabbatical time and The Season of Music*
- November 9-Nancy Van Fleet: *Growing Young*

Sacred Habits

Join us for our fall session of Sacred Habits as we explore the labyrinth. We will meet on Thursday mornings from 8 - 9 a.m. October 13, 20 and 27. Contact Nancy Van Fleet at nancyv@fpcnaples.org for more information.

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Join our work crew as we help to construct a Habitat for Humanity home for a deserving Collier County family. We will gather at the church Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 a.m. and will ride the bus to our worksite. We will return to church by 12:30 p.m. Sign up in Spencer Hall at the Missions table or contact Yancy Brame at 239.331.7731 or jybrame@gmail.com.

Seekers and Joiners Class

If you are interested in learning more about this congregation, its faith and how we worship, love, grow and serve in the heart of Naples with the love of God, please join us for our Seekers and Joiners class on Sunday, October 16 following the worship service in the Parlor. We will encourage you on your journey of faith as we talk about what it means to become a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples. Informational packets will be available at the class or you may pick one up at the exit doors or in Spencer Hall or at the Welcome Table. You may register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Sandy Knight at sandyk@fpcnaples.org.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Join us on Wednesday, October 19 at 8 a.m. in Spencer Hall or via Zoom. Coffee and pastry will be served. We look forward to your participation if and when you are able to join us. For more information and questions, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or skearney239@comcast.net. Rev. Rex Childs will send a Zoom link prior to the meeting. Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, retired pastor from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago will be the presenter on November 2. If you are not a participant in the Wednesday Morning Men's group but would like to participate via Zoom for this meeting, please contact Bill. We will also make the presentation available online afterward.

Women of the Way

ALL women are invited to our **WOW** fall study for a new season of fellowship, exploration of Scripture and small group discussion. From Thursday, October 20 - December 1 (excluding Thanksgiving) from 9 - 11 a.m. in Spencer Hall; a live Thursday morning ZOOM option will also be available. Sign-up in Spencer Hall at the WOW table after worship on October 2, 9 and 16; or online at fpcwomen2017@gmail.com. The study book "The Spirit-Led Heart" can be purchased directly from Amazon or copies will be available in Spencer Hall at the WOW table (cost: \$11).

Presbyterian Women

Our study for this year is titled: "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight" by Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel. Visit the PW table in Spencer Hall to learn more and to purchase your study guide (\$10). Circles begin in November and the first Gathering will take place on Wednesday, November 2.

Youth Group

Our youth group will meet and help at the First Annual Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 21. Come early for snacks and set up.

Our Fall Festival is back!

Join us Friday, October 21 for FPCN's **First Annual Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat!** The festive event's duration is 6-8 p.m., with a special Trunk or Treat portion from 7-8 p.m. We will enjoy face painters, balloon artist, obstacle course, food, and a pumpkin patch with a pumpkin decorating station. And we are excited to announce the return of the **Preschool's Silent Auction**.

- Register now for your parking space to park your car and hand out treats to the kids. You can decorate your car, wear a costume or just come as you are!
- Donations of small/medium pumpkins. Or you can donate to the Pumpkin Patch Fund by check, with the memo marked "Pumpkin Patch", or online at fpcnaples.org/give and select the fund "CE Contribution." All pumpkins can be brought to Spencer Hall or the church office.
- You are invited to bring things like glow sticks, stickers, playdough, temporary tattoos, granola bars, applesauce pouches, finger puppets, bouncy balls, mini flashlights, glow stick bracelets, etc.
- Sign up in Spencer Hall or email Ashley Hancock, ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

Preschool Silent Auction

Join us Friday, October 21 during the Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat for our 9th Silent Auction. Proceeds will benefit the Preschool's Angel Fund and Curriculum Enrichment Fund. Bidding is open from 6 - 7:45 p.m. Items include themed baskets, local restaurants, local attractions, and so much more!

***The Ministry of Mr. Rogers* by Dr. George Wirth**

All are welcome to join us for this inspiring presentation on Saturday, October 22 at 10 a.m. in Spencer Hall. Dr. George Wirth, a personal friend of Fred Rogers, is the Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta where he served as Pastor from 1990 to 2013. Dr. Wirth also served as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Sewickley, Pennsylvania and as an associate pastor at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Young Adults

The Young Adult Group will meet on Sunday, October 23 at 12 noon on Zoom. Contact Nancy Van Fleet for details and Zoom info at nancyv@fpcnaples.org

Staff Listing

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 Roni Haggart
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