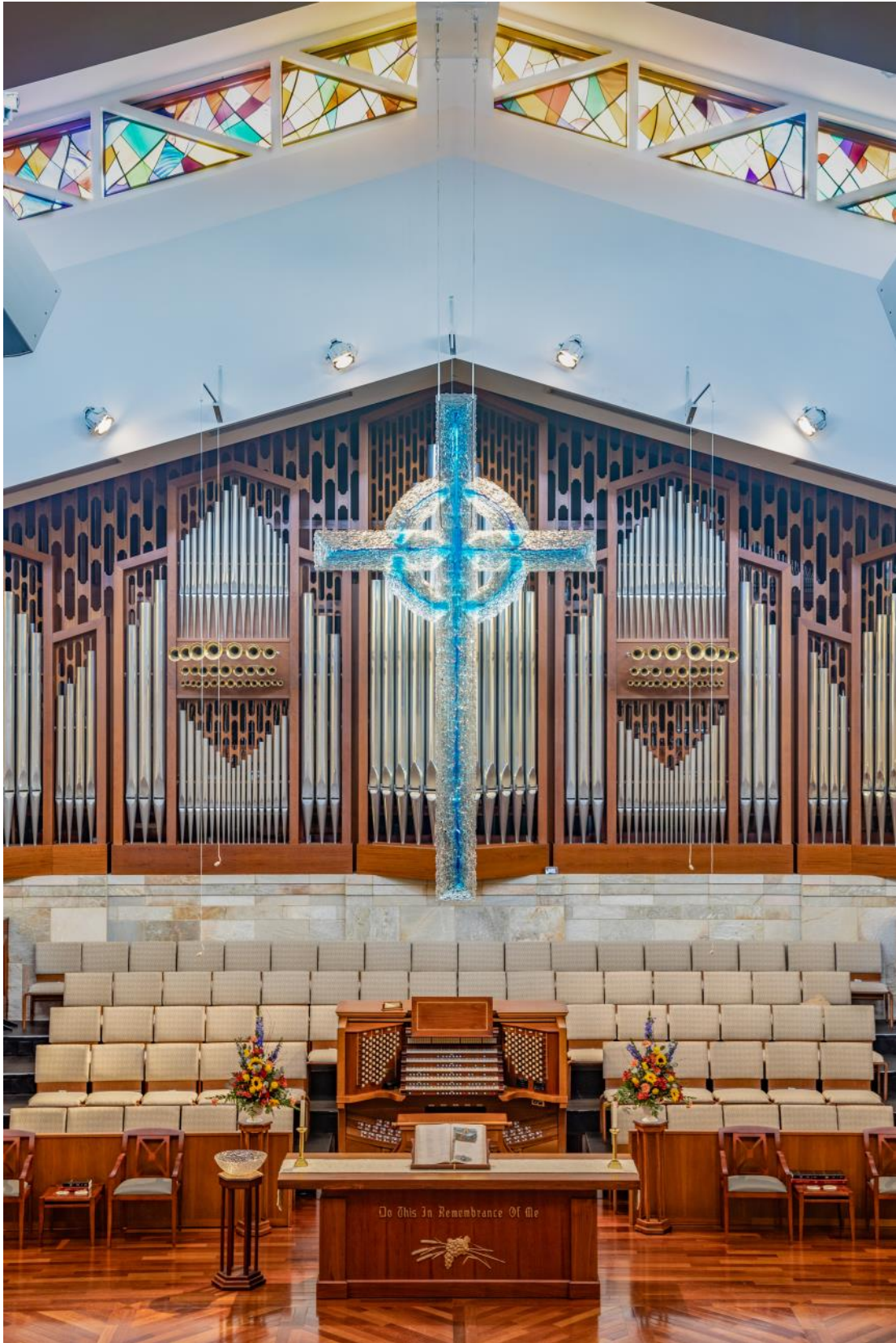


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
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

Prelude on “Fairest Lord Jesus”

EDWARD L. GOOD

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Welcome and Life Together

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

People: God’s mercies never come to an end.

Leader: Jesus commanded us to “love one another as I have loved you.”

People: They will know we are Christians by our love.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1. *Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*
2. *Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*
3. *Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
4. *Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive God’s forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand if able*

*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

First Reading

John 15:1-17

PEW BIBLE PAGE 878

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

I Love You, Lord

LAURIE KLEIN

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

PEW BIBLE PAGE 991

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love

casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"We Love"

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*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

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

The Gift of Love

ARR. HAL

HOPSON

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

*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

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

1. *We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

2. *We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: Refrain.*
3. *We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: Refrain.*
4. *All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: Refrain.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on "Hyfrydol"

EDWARD L. GOOD

Offering

Offering boxes and baskets are located near the exit doors.

You may also submit your offering by mail or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by the Martin family in honor of Bud's 101st birthday.

Greeters

Lucy Koll, Jeanne Perkins, Roger and Barbara Simons

Prayer List

*Linda Arsenault
Darryl Bernhardt
*Bill Crawford
Megan Ford
Giraldo-Castano Family
*Bill Law
*Russ Maier
Scott McCullough
*Jerry Miller
*Jane Nordlund
Dominique O'Connell

Rick Podgorny
James Seibold
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens
Geoff Wiswell
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

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Dorie Hjalmarson
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Reformed Church
(Matanzas, Cuba)
Lucia Bacallao
Walkiria Cardenas
Barbara Cuellar
Josefa de la Osa
Roberto Rodriguez
Gladys Tejeira

Session Update

The Session, at its September 28 meeting, affirmed the need to continue the protocols for COVID-19 which were established on August 4 as follows:

That until further notice,

1. All persons 2 years of age and over will wear masks in the building during worship and meetings onsite, preschool students excepted;
2. Congregational singing with masks be allowed during worship with the exception of the choir;
3. Fellowship Time after worship will continue with the wearing of masks but without food or drinks being served.

Thank you for your prayers, your cooperation and your vigilance. "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10).

For current and accurate information about COVID-19, you may visit the Naples Community Hospital website, www.nchmd.org.

News

Welcome Back to Naples

If you have recently returned to Naples, please note it on the Friendship pad or contact the church office to let us know that you are back in town. Thank you and Welcome Back!

Ushers Needed

The Ushering program has a need for a few new "Head Ushers" as well as ushers for our Season of Music Concert Series which begins later this month. Head Ushers do not require a commitment that calls for much time or training so our hope is that there are members of our congregation that would be willing to serve. There is a sign up board in the Narthex with available dates for ushering. Contact one of our present head ushers for information or to sign up: Richard Beach (299.732.5880 or rbmagog2001@gmail.com), Bill Kearney (239.348.2871 or skearney239@comcast.net), Jack Marsh (239.293.6756 or jmarsh@comcast.net), Gary Nordbrock (708.837.8552 or gnordbrock@gmail.com).

Stephen Ministry

Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we have at FPCN. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, have been trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are going through a difficult time. To learn more or to pray with a Stephen Minister, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall or contact the church office.

Giving Opportunities

Power Pak

The Power Pak program for Big Cypress Elementary School continues throughout the school year. The school staff identifies children who will likely not have enough food over the weekend, and each Friday, packages are put into their back packs unbeknownst to other children. Included are meals for two breakfasts, two lunches, two suppers, and snacks. We alternate months with Moorings Presbyterian Church. You, the congregation, have been so supportive of this mission effort and we trust that you will once again provide the funds necessary to purchase food by donating. You can give by check made payable to First Presbyterian Church and noting "Power Pak" or by donating online at www.fpcnaples.org/give and indicating "Missions: Power Pak Prog." Thank you for your continued support to this important ministry.

Giving

Your gift has an impact on every aspect of our ministry. Our entire church community is grateful for your continued support of and belief in the mission of The First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

You may give by using the donation boxes at the church exits, mailing your contribution to the church at 250 Sixth Street South, Naples, FL 34102, or give online through our secure website, www.fpcnaples.org/give. For information or questions regarding your giving, please contact Anna Focht, Director of Finance at annaf@fpcnaples.org.

Events

Labyrinth Walking Workshop

You are invited to a labyrinth workshop where we will learn about labyrinths and then walk our canvas labyrinth in Spencer Hall. The rhythm of walking, placing one foot in front of the other, empties the mind, relaxes the body and refreshes the spirit. Join us on a journey through the labyrinth experience facilitated by Nancy Van Fleet on Friday, October 15 from 1 – 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

Seekers and Joiners Class

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our dynamic church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. A Seekers and Joiners class will be held on Sunday, October 17, following the worship service in Spencer Hall. Information packets are available at the exit doors. Please register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Angie Johnson angiej@fpcnaples.org.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

They continue their present study on the Book of Acts. The presenter on October 20 at 8 a.m. will be the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, retired head preacher from Forth Presbyterian Church in downtown Chicago and former PCUSA Moderator. His topic will be "Peter". John has preached at our church several times and we will welcome his return by Zoom from Chicago. A Zoom link will be sent on Tuesday, October 19. We hope you will be able to join us. For link information, you may contact Bill Kearney, skearney239@comcast.net or Rev. Rex Childs, rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Sacred Habits

The Adult Education ministry invites you to take part in a "Sacred Habits" course led by Nancy Van Fleet. Weekly gatherings will meet for blocks of time during the church year with the selected practices coordinating with the liturgical calendar. Each of our sessions will provide a quiet space in which to welcome the Spirit's presence -- individually and communally -- and will include teaching and the practice of a particular spiritual habit, silence and periods of listening prayer, as well as an opportunity for group reflection. Join us on Wednesdays, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15; 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. We will meet either online or in-person, to be determined. RSVP to Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org

Women of the Way

The Women of the Way fellowship invites ALL women of the church to participate in our fall study on the parables of Jesus. During our 7-week series we will be studying "Surprised by the Parables: Growing in Grace through the Stories of Jesus" by Michelle Lee-Barnewall. You may order the book directly through Amazon (\$19) or we can order it for you if you prefer. Each session will include a time of teaching or personal reflection by one of our women followed by facilitated small group discussion. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. October 21 - December 9 (excluding Thanksgiving). Our current plan is to have an in-person option in Spencer Hall (with masks) and a ZOOM option which will include a pre-recorded teaching/personal reflection video followed by small group time. We will confirm the details closer to our gathering. RSVP to fpcwomen2017@gmail.com (Pat Nordbrock) or call Andie Goodrich at 404.317.5850. Please include: 1) whether you plan to attend in person or by ZOOM; 2) if you'd like us to order a study guide for you. *We hope you'll join us* for meaningful study and wonderful fellowship with other women of the church. In these times we need the connections more than ever!

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 Rev. Rex Childs at rexc@fpcnaples.org for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

Kidz Lab and Youth Group

Our Kidz Lab (Sunday School for grades K –5) is held on Sundays from 11 - 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Youth Group, (grades 6 through 12) is held on Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. and will also be held via Zoom. For Zoom links and more information, please contact Ashley Hancock, ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org or Nancy Van Fleet, nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

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