

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Golden Calf, by James Tissot, 1902

**October 11, 2020
LITURGY
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

**Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele
(Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness)**

J. S. BACH

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**People: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
that we may glory in your heritage.**

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Hymn of Praise (*soloists only, congregation seated*)

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have fallen short. We have failed to seek and do your will. You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by our own selfish desires. You have offered us abundance and freedom, but we seek security in our plans and desire for wealth. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your word and Holy Spirit cut away all that is false in us and open our hearts and minds to new life, that we may find our true selves in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive your forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

DOUG JENSEN

Let us pray. Gracious God, we ask now that by the power and illumination of your Holy Spirit, you would open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to receive your word for us today. Amen

First Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Our first reading this morning comes Philippians, chapter 4. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Logan Gutierrez and Danielle Parks

Second Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*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.

GOING FORTHHymn of Commitment (*soloists only, congregation seated*)**Jesus Calls Us**

GALILEE

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

March in D

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

Dismissal

Ushers will dismiss you by row following the Postlude.
Please remain seated until directed to dismiss.

Offering

Offering boxes are located on the wall by the exit doors.
You may also submit your offering by mail or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Flower Dedication

In celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month,
the flowers are given in honor of Rev. Craig Goodrich and Rev. Rex Childs.

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Tom Clark, Sylvia Marsh, Bill Morgan, Kitty Wildman

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Gene and Tedi Fraley, Saralene Oldham, Betty Plum

PRAYER LIST

*Linda Arsenault
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Families with young children are invited to join us Sundays at 11 a.m. via Zoom to learn about how they can practice faith at home as a family. Please contact Ashley Hancock for information, ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

In October we will begin a study on the disciples. Join other committed men in our congregation on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Following the presentation, we join in some question and answer sharing and follow-up discussion. We will gather via Zoom, at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21. For Zoom instructions contact Rev. Rex Childs at rexc@fpcnaples.org or Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

Zoom with the Pastors

Join us via Zoom each Wednesday at 11 a.m. for a brief message from our pastors, Craig and Rex, and some fellowship time. Please register (reservations@fpcnaples.org) by 4 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to ensure you receive the link to the meeting.

HUDDLE

All men are invited and encouraged to join this lunch-time Bible discussion group. Gather via Zoom each Thursday from noon to 1:15 p.m. For Zoom instructions contact Karl Heissner at khh0725@atlanticbb.net.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

The PW will be gathering for Circle meetings via Zoom. Please contact the Circle leaders for instructions and login information:

Grace Circle—Tuesday, October 13 at 10 a.m. Andie Goodrich (andie.goodrich@gmail.com)

Sunshine Circle - Wednesday, October 21 at 11:30 a.m. Janet Root (jinroot@aol.com)

Peace with Honor Circle - Wednesday, October 21 at 1:15 p.m. Betty Mangos (bmangos710@gmail.com)

Sacred Habits—A Journey into the Interior through Spiritual Practice

Facilitated by Nancy Van Fleet and Rev. Rex Childs, this journey meets twice a month to dive into the heart and soul of contemplative prayer while exploring different spiritual differences. Each session includes the ritual of lighting a candle, time in silence, prayer teaching and the opportunity to do our "PrayerWork." The next meetings will take place on October 22 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org to register and receive the Zoom instructions.

Office Hours

The staff is currently working in the office however, we are available by appointment only. To make an appointment with a staff member, please call 239.262.1311. For access to the building you may ring the doorbell at the main office entrance. Please remember to bring your mask.

New Website Design for fpcnaples.org

Please visit us online (www.fpcnaples.org) and take a peek at our newly designed website. We've given our online presence a fresh new look with more to follow! Browse through the pages to see all that we offer to our online visitors.

Membership at First Presbyterian Church

Do you want to know more about the faith, this congregation and how to become a member? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. Please contact either Rev. Craig Goodrich at craigg@fpcnaples.org or Rev. Rex Childs at rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Welcome Back to Naples

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

Power Pak

Big Cypress Elementary School staff identifies children who will likely need food over the weekend and, each Friday packages are put into their back packs. The congregation has been so supportive of this mission effort and we trust that you will once again provide the funds necessary. You can give by check made payable to First Presbyterian Church and noting "Power Pak" or by donating 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 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 (annaf@fpcnaples.org).

Palms Society

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. This approach not only provides a method of recording the intent of members, but provides an opportunity to express ongoing appreciation to our donors. When we look back on our lives, we think of those persons and places that have meant the most to us. Has First Presbyterian Church been such a place for you? Has this community of grace and its people nurtured your soul? Would you like to assure that the ministries of our Church which proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in word and deed continue for future generations? If so, please consider joining the Palms Society and becoming a legacy donor. For information please contact our Director of Finance, Anna Focht (annaf@fpcnaples.org) or Linda Gadkowski (lgadkows@capecod.net). Grace and peace to you.

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