

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 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

Partita in D Minor
Allemanda
Corrente
Colin Gerlach, violin

J. S. BACH

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. REX CHILDS

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 121)

Leader: Our help is from the LORD, he will not let your foot stumble.

People: The LORD is our guard; He does not slumber or sleep.

Leader: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

People: The LORD is our shade at our right hand.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and for evermore.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

1. *I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

2. *I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!*

3. *There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you desire for us to be.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ in baptism, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 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

DEBORAH MEESON-VIGE

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

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²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' ³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Second Reading

Luke 18:1-8

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Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Justice Through Persistence

REV. REX CHILDS

*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

Shout to God

JOSEPH M. MARTIN

Shout to God, sing a loud hosanna. Shout to God with a song of joy. Shout to God, sing a loud hosanna. Glory to God! Come sing to God a song of joy. Praise, praise the Lord with the trumpet. Praise, praise the Lord with a shout. Praise Him with loud crashing cymbals, Praise the Lord with loud hosannas. Praise the Lord, sing alleluia. Sing unto God, sing a loud hosanna. Come sing and shout to God!

*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 #175 ***Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God***

LAFFERTY

*1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

*2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

*3. You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on "Ellacombe"

MARK THALLANDER

Ushers

Gary Nordbrock (head usher), Jeff Camp, Dorothy Gomori, Bob MacMinn, and Pat MacMinn

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Lucy Koll, Karen Parker, Nancy Kay

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Mike and Rose Kaufman
in memory of Henry C. and Sonia Kaufman,
by their children, grandchildren, and friends of First Presbyterian Church.

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

* Norma Dallessandro

* Joan Eisenhower

* Pam Fisher

Spencer Frantz

* Shirley Hagerson

* Don Herring

Ray Kemner

* Eileen Malstrom

Edison Martinez

Isabella McKenna

* Gene McCree

Kent Morse

* Jon Myers

* Ted Rojahn

Greg Smith

* Corbin Wyant

The U.S. Military

Stephen Ministers/care receivers

* *church member*

Medical Missionary (Guatemala)

* Mark Speake

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.

News & Events

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

Thank you for your generosity! Last week we collected 28 bags of groceries and \$595 for Helps Outreach.

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.

Youth Group

The Youth Group meets today at 12 noon at the Barnes and Noble Café in the Waterside shops. We hope to see everyone there!

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 today, following the worship service in the Parlor. We will encourage you in 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.

Wednesday's at First

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

- October 19-Rev. Rex Childs: *General Assembly and the PC(USA)*
- November 2-Dr. Brice Gerlach: Sabbathical Time and The Season of Music
- November 9-Nancy Van Fleet: Growing Young
- November 16-St. John's Bible Preview

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 20 and 27. Contact Nancy Van Fleet at nancyv@fpcnaples.org for more information.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Join us Wednesday, October 19 at 8 a.m. in Spencer Hall or via Zoom. Coffee and pastry will be served. For more information and questions, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or skearney239@comcast.net.

On November 2, our presenter will be Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, retired pastor from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. If you would like to participate via Zoom, please contact Bill. We will also make the presentation available online after.

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 on Thursdays, 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).

Youth Group Fall Festival

Our youth group will gather after school to help set-up the First Annual Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 21. Snacks will be provided.

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!
- 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.
- Donations of small or medium pumpkins are being accepted. 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.
- 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 via Zoom. Contact Nancy Van Fleet for details at nancyv@fpcnaples.org

Church Tours

All are welcome to join a "Behind the Scenes" church tour on Sunday, October 23, following the worship service. The guided tour is intended to orient, inform, and familiarize you with the spaces and activities that take place at FPCN. The 30 minute tour will include the offices, Choir Room, Mase Christian Education Center, Youth Room, Chapel, and other areas with historical perspectives from parishioners. Participants should assemble at the front of the Sanctuary 15 minutes following the church service. We are looking for additional volunteers to help lead or assist with upcoming tours. To attend the tour please sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Sandy Knight in the church office to register by calling 239.262.1311 or emailing sandyk@fpcnaples.org

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.

Share a Meal

We are pleased to offer "Share a Meal" on Friday, November 4. Hosts/Hostesses are asked to welcome attendees into their homes to share a meal for 4, 5, or 6 people. Hosts are responsible for furnishing the main entrée and soft drinks. Guests will provide dishes to accompany the main course. For details or if you would like to host or attend a "Share a Meal" please visit Spencer Hall or contact Saralene Oldham, at soldham@HelmsBriscoe.com or 239.643.4703.

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