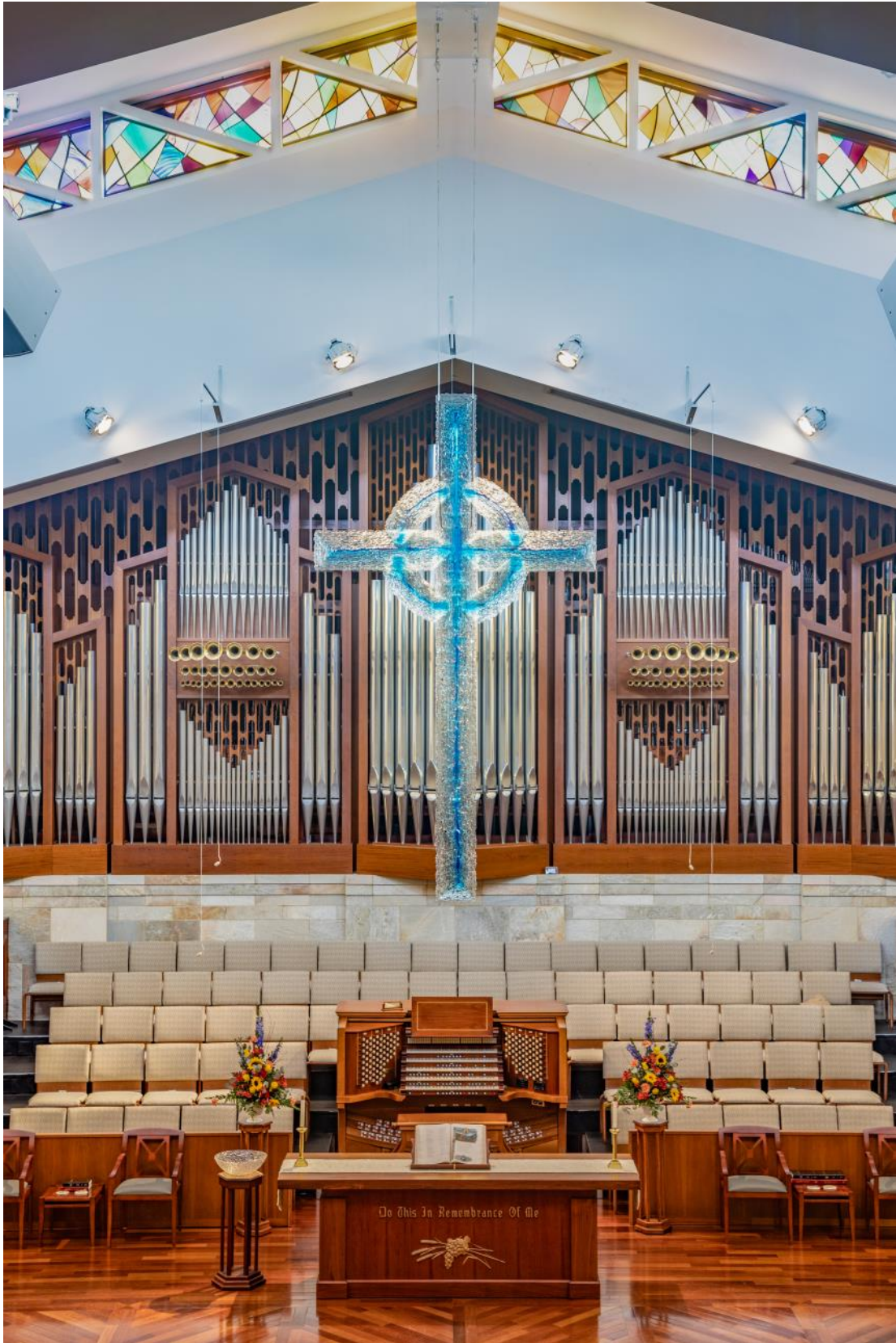


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**October 17, 2021
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
LITURGY**

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

The Prelude

Chanson de Matin (Morning Song)

EDWARD ELGAR

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Welcome and Life Together

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship,

People: *the God who stretched the heavens like a tent and set the earth on its foundations.*

Leader: We gather to love,

People: *God and God's people, through the power of the Spirit.*

Leader: We gather to grow,

People: *in the image of Christ who suffered for our sake and offers us abundant life.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #26

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

- 1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*
- 2. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*
- 3. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*
- 4. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!*

Call to Confession

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ and to grow in faith and practice, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you and others faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive your forgiveness.
Be reconciled to each other. And be at peace.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*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!

** Please stand if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

CLEVE CLEVELAND

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

First Reading

Colossians 1:3-12

PEW BIBLE PAGE 956

Our first reading this morning comes from Colossians, chapter 1. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Help Us Accept Each Other

JOHN NESS BECK

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

Second Reading

Mark 4:30-32, 10:13-16, 42-45

PEW BIBLE PAGE 816

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"We Grow"

REV. REX CHILDS

*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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... 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.

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 Jesus We Grow

WORDS BY SUSAN NAUS DENGLER
MUSIC BY LEE DENGLER

In Jesus we grow, made strong by his grace. The love he bestows increases our faith. Well-rooted in the mercy and joy of the Lord, we're nurtured by knowledge of his holy word. In Jesus we glow as lights on our way; his story to show, his love to display, revealing the mercy and joy of the Lord, reflecting the radiance made known in his word. In Jesus we go, sent forth in his name. Like those long ago, his grace we proclaim. We offer the mercy and joy of the Lord, and tell of salvation revealed in his word.

*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 #722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

- 1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.*
- 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.*
- 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.*
- 4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.*
- 5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

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 have been given by Mike and Rose Kaufman
in memory of Henry C. and Sonia Kaufman,
by their children, grandchildren and friends of First Presbyterian Church.

Ushers

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

Greeters

Lucy Koll, Sarah Nichols, Roger and Barbara Simons

Prayer List

*Linda Arsenault	Rick Podgorny	Missionary (Honduras)
Darryl Bernhardt	Cynthia Scott	Dorie Hjalmarson
Peter Ciaccia	James Seibold	Central Presbyterian
*Bill Crawford	Mary Stuczynski	Reformed Church
Megan Ford	William Titlebaum	(Matanzas, Cuba)
Giraldo-Castano Family	Vanessa Uzupes-Owens	Lucia Bacallao
*Russ Maier	Geoff Wiswell	Walkiria Cardenas
Scott McCullough	The U.S. Military	Barbara Cuellar
*Jane Nordlund	Stephen Ministers and	Josefa de la Osa
Dominique O'Connell	care receivers	Roberto Rodriguez
	* church member	Gladys Tejeira

Session Update

The Session, at it's 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. 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!

Chancel Flowers

Do you have a special event coming up? Would you like to remember a loved one who has passed? How about dedicating flowers to the church in memory or honor of them? It's easy to do. Just call the church office with the date you would like to remember your loved one and a dedication will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. There are several dates available. The cost is \$65 per dedication and can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please be sure to include 'flowers' in the memo section of your check. Or you may give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

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).

Events

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 this morning following the worship service in the Parlor. Information packets are available at the class.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

We continue the present study on the Book of Acts. Our presenter on October 20 at 8 a.m. will be the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, retired head preacher from Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago and former PCUSA Moderator. We hope you will be able to join us for his topic "Peter." For link information, you may contact Bill Kearney, skearney239@comcast.net or Rev. Rex Childs, rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Zoom Town Hall/Fellowship Hour

On Wednesday, October 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. you're invited to join Rev. Craig Goodrich, Rev. Rex Childs, Nancy Van Fleet and Dr. Brice Gerlach, as they host a Town Hall/ Fellowship Hour and share reflections, updates and more. Please make a reservation to receive a Zoom link by contacting the church office at 239.262.1311 or reservations@fpcnaples.org. A link will be e-mailed on Wednesday morning.

Sacred Habits

The Adult Education ministry invites you to take part in a "Sacred Habits" course led by Nancy Van Fleet. Weekly gatherings 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 online. RSVP to Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org for link information.

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. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. October 21 - December 9. 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.

Events

27th annual UNDY SUNDAY campaign! October 24 and October 31

Thanks to your generous donations, thousands of needy elementary school students within Collier County can receive an ample supply of underwear and socks. This year we offer three options for donating.

1. Bring in new underwear and socks for children ages 5 -14. Donation boxes will be in Spencer Hall.
2. Make a monetary donation using the Catholic Charity secure portal: <https://one.bidpal.net/undysunday>.
3. Make your checks payable to Catholic Charities and mark in the memo *Undy Sunday* and we will forward them to Catholic Charities.

All monetary donations will be used to purchase underwear and socks for the needy children. Any questions or comments, please contact Catholic Charities: 239.793.0059

Wednesday Nights at First

The Mission team will partner with Christian Education for a series on our mission partners beginning Wednesday, October 27 when we welcome Cleve Cleveland, Mission Committee Chair and Board Member and Development Chair of Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance. Cleve will review and update us on the effort to eliminate substandard and overcrowded rental housing for farmworker families and other low income residents of Immokalee where the need is so great.

Pat Nordbrock, Mission Committee member, will provide an update on our struggling partner, the Central Presbyterian Reformed Church in Matanzas, Cuba as well as efforts of the Cuba Partner Network to ship needed supplies to Cuba during this time of scarcity and COVID-19.

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. You can join us either in person in Spencer Hall or via Zoom. For registration and to receive the Zoom link, please contact Ashley Hancock, Christian Education Assistant at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org or 239.262.1311 ext. 2012.

A Season of Music Concert

We open our 2021-2022 season with an afternoon of song on Sunday, October 31 at 4 p.m., featuring our Director of Music, Brice Gerlach, Director of Music at Vanderbilt Presbyterian, James Cochran, and soprano, Michele Byrd-Gerlach. This concert will be sure to put a smile on your face, featuring works for the Ruffatti and Rodgers organs. Michele will sing pieces from Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* and a beautiful setting of the *Ave Maria* by Franz Abt as well as some sacred pieces based on famous hymn tunes. There is no charge for the concert, a free will offering will be taken.

Presbyterian Women

The first Gathering of Presbyterian Women will take place on Wednesday, November 3 at 10 a.m. in Spencer Hall. Rev. Craig Goodrich will kick off our study for this year: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me. Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. We will be looking at the powers of ordinary goodness found in these women. For group discussion we will review the ordinary goodness of our women found in the PW ministries we have seeded and the lives we have changed. Then we will look at our own personal stories and spiritual gifts. What do we want to pass on to the next generation? We hope you will join us. Study books will be available for purchase at the Gathering. Questions? Contact Carolyn Bennett at cjosmith341@gmail.com.

Giving Opportunities

The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

"Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. To learn more about the Palms Society please contact Rev. Craig Goodrich, craigg@fpcnaples.org or Linda Gadkowski, linda.gadkowski@gmail.com or 508.292.5500.

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 Sharman Pfaus, Executive Office Manager at sharmanp@fpcnaples.org.

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