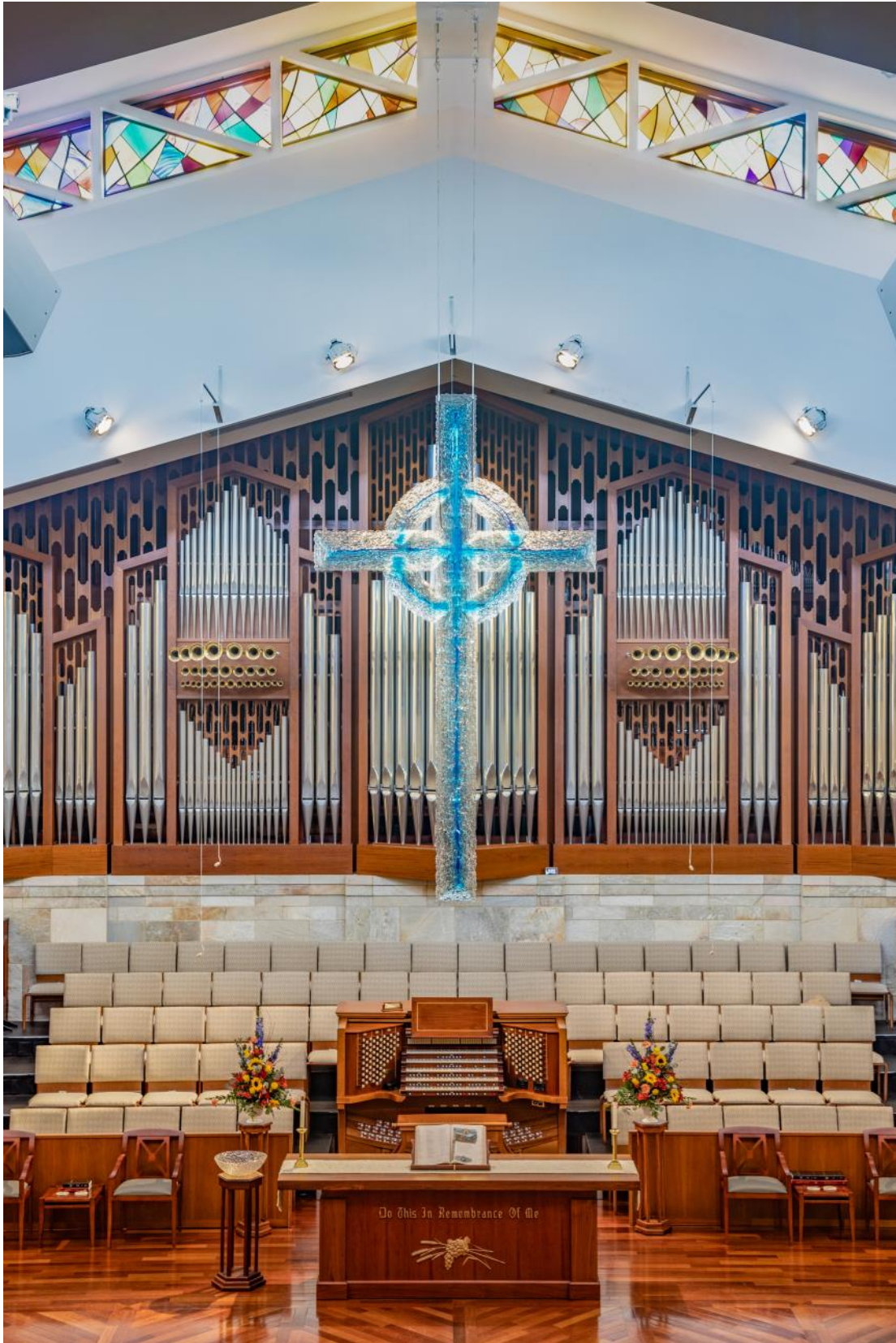


# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**October 3, 2021  
World Communion Sunday  
Nineteenth 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

**Be Thou My Vision**

TRADITIONAL IRISH MELODY

**THE TIME OF GATHERING**

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Welcome and Life Together

**SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth.

**People: *Worship the Lord in gladness, come into God's presence with singing.***

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.

**People: *And his courts with praise.***

**All: *Let us worship God!***

**A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

\*Hymn of Praise #41

***O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!***

LYONS

- 1. O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*
- 2. O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*
- 3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.*
- 4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*
- 5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Beloved siblings, in baptism we were buried with Christ in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

***United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe. We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace. Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body. We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. Have mercy on us. Teach us to clothe ourselves with love and to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts that we would be reconciled to you and to one another.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness 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!**

Children's Time

NANCY VAN FLEET

**THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

BETTY PLUM

Let us pray: Gracious God, we ask now that by the power and illumination of Holy Spirit, you would open our ears to hear, our eyes to see and our hearts to receive your word for this day. Lift us that we might worship you in spirit and in truth and so be and become your faithful disciples. In Jesus name. Amen

First Reading

Psalm 100

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Our first reading this morning comes from the Book of Psalms. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Response

**Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord**

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-27

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As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**"We Worship"**

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

\*The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

***All the Earth Will Worship***

TOM FETTKE

\*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

## TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*Communion Hymn #525

***Let Us Break Bread Together***

LET US BREAK BREAD

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Refrain.*
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Refrain.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: *And also with you.***

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: *We lift them to the Lord.***

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying:

***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.***

Words of Institution and Distribution—*communion cups are available when exiting the Sanctuary.*

## GOING FORTH

\*Hymn of Commitment #611  
JOY

## *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*
- 3. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

### **Ceremonial March**

THEBERT SUMSION

**World Communion Sunday** was first celebrated in 1933. In perhaps the bleakest year of the Great Depression as storm clouds of Nazism and Fascism hovered over Europe, the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh sought to counteract widespread pessimism in society. They invited other congregations to join them in a celebration of Christian unity in the Lordship of Jesus Christ by gathering together at the Lord's Table. World Communion was adopted as a denomination-wide practice in 1936. During the Second World War the idea really caught hold. At a time when the world was coming apart, World Communion held things together spiritually. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate from the beginning; in 1940 the National Council of Churches endorsed World Communion and began to promote its celebration in Christian churches around the world. Generations later amidst familiar anxieties over different world events, the celebration of Christ's presence at the Lord's Table continues to bear witness to the source of true hope and unity.

### **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](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

### **Flower Dedication**

The Chancel flowers are given by George and Ann Goodnight, in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

### **Ushers**

Richard Beach (Head Usher), Barbara Beach, Shirley Hagerson, Betty Plum, Saralene Oldham

### **Greeters**

Lucy Koll, Jeanne Perkins, Roger and Barbara Simons

### **Prayer List**

\*Linda Arsenault  
Darryl Bernhardt  
Megan Ford  
Giraldo-Castano Family  
\*Bill Law  
\*Russ Maier  
Scott McCullough  
\*Jane Nordlund  
Dominique O'Connell  
Rick Podgorny

James Seibold  
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens  
Geoff Wiswell  
The U.S. Military  
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\* church member

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Central Presbyterian  
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](http://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 Spencer Hall 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](mailto:rbmagog2001@gmail.com)), Bill Kearney (239.348.2871 or [skearney239@comcast.net](mailto:skearney239@comcast.net)), Jack Marsh (239.293.6756 or [jmarsh@comcast.net](mailto:jmarsh@comcast.net)), Gary Nordbrock (708.837.8552 or [gnordbrock@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Deacons Fund Sunday

Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please consider donating to the Fund today using the pink envelopes located by the offering boxes. You may also donate at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

### The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

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 Anna Focht, Director of Finance, [annaf@fpcnaples.org](mailto:annaf@fpcnaples.org) or Linda Gadkowski, [linda.gadkowski@gmail.com](mailto:linda.gadkowski@gmail.com).

### 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](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give). For information or questions regarding your giving, please contact Anna Focht, Director of Finance at [annaf@fpcnaples.org](mailto:annaf@fpcnaples.org).

## Events

### **Chancel Choir Rehearsals**

Have you ever listened to our Choir and wished to be a part of it? We always welcome new voices and now is your chance to join us. There are no auditions, however, the ability to read music is helpful. The Chancel Choir will begin their weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. For additional information please contact Dr. Brice Gerlach, [briceg@fpcnaples.org](mailto:briceg@fpcnaples.org).

### **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](mailto:ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org) or Nancy Van Fleet, [nancyv@fpcnaples.org](mailto:nancyv@fpcnaples.org).

### **Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship**

We continue our study on the Book of Acts. Please join us via Zoom on Wednesday, October 6 at 8 a.m. For link information, you may contact Bill Kearney, [skearney239@comcast.net](mailto:skearney239@comcast.net) or Rev. Rex Childs, [rexc@fpcnaples.org](mailto:rexc@fpcnaples.org).

### **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](mailto:rexc@fpcnaples.org) for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

### **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 labyrinth is a sacred place set aside for you to reflect, look within, and pray. 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 October 15 from 1 – 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Ashley Hancock at [ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org](mailto:ashley.hancock@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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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