

# **First Presbyterian Church of Naples**

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



**November 15, 2020  
Earth Care Sunday  
LITURGY**

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

The Prelude

**Choral Song**

SAMUEL WESLEY

## THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

## SERVICE OF PREPARATION

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**People:** the world and those who live in it.

Leader: The plants and trees show God's presence,

**People:** *Let us join with creation in praising the Lord.*

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

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

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

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

ELLACOMBE

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.

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

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

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

***God of life, You created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation.  
Yet, the profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas and air.  
Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries  
of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us sign of your grace,  
through Christ, our light and life, we pray.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Siblings in Christ, hear the good news! We are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Even though we go astray, we trust in the mercy of the One who created us and saved us. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

**All:** *Thanks be to God!*

*\* Please stand if able*

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

RONI HAGGART

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world and in the scriptures that we read today. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of creation. Amen!

First Reading

Genesis 1:26-2:3

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

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Musical Interlude

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

JOHN RUTTER

Paula Alva and Diego Davila, soloists

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-19

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Third Reading

Psalms 24:1-2

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; <sup>2</sup>for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*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, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.***

***But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.***

***Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.***

***Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.***

***In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.***

***Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.***

***Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.***

***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.***

## GOING FORTH

Hymn of Commitment (soloists only, congregation seated)

***Let All Things Now Living***

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Toccata on 'Hyfrydol'*

EDWARD L. GOOD

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

### **Flower Dedication**

The Chancel Flowers are dedicated to our students  
who were honored in the Sending Ceremony for the 2020 Confirmation Class  
on Zoom this past Thursday.

They are Faith Arsenault, Grace Austin, Maryn Coine,  
Vanessa Giraldo-Castano, and Caitlin Hancock.  
Please hold them all in your prayers.

### **Ushers**

Gary Nordbrock (head usher), Franklin Ellis, Cindy Esler, Bob and Pat MacMinn

### **Greeters**

Richard and Barbara Beach, Harry and Deb Streamer

### **PRAYER LIST**

Jackson Barton  
\*Sharon Cumming  
\*Joy Frantz  
\*Bob Graham  
\*Jerry Knudson  
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Eduardo Martinez  
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The U.S. Military  
Stephen Ministers and  
care receivers  
\* church member

Missionary (Honduras)  
Dorie Hjalmarson  
Central Presbyterian  
Reformed Church, Matanzas,

Cuba  
Rev. Ary Fernandez Alban  
Rev. Beidy Casas Aragon  
Yaquelin Arvelo  
Keimi Horta

## Zoom Calendar of Events

### 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 a time of fellowship. 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.

### Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

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. November 18: Tom Clark will present "Thomas" and Bill Kearney will present "Matthew". For Zoom instructions contact Rev. Rex Childs at rexc@fpcnaples.org or Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

### Sacred Habits—A Journey into the Interior through Spiritual Practice

Our last session will be November 19 at 6:30 p.m. We will be exploring the method of Centering Prayer – The Prayer of Consent. In the Christian tradition contemplative prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart – our whole being – to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Please join us as we learn about Centering Prayer and then engage in the practice. We will allow time for reflection afterward. For information and Zoom instructions, please contact Nancy Van Fleet (nancyv@fpcnaples.org).

## Missions

### Christmas Joy Bags

The Angel tree has been modified this year to Christmas Joy Bags! We will be filling holiday bags with gender neutral items for children age 2 - 4. All bags must be uniform with respect to contents. Extra items are permitted, but they must be in a separate bag. Joy Bags, with the list included, are available to pick up at the entrances, or you can fill your own bag with the requested items: finger puppets OR small foam ball, stickers, small stuffed animal, coloring book and crayons, child's toothbrush and small toothpaste, band-aids with a fun design, and a wash cloth. All items are to be gender neutral. Please return your filled bags by Sunday, December 13 to one of the two Christmas trees located in the Narthex or the church office entrance. Thank you for supporting the children of Mision Peniel.

### Salvation Army Bell Ringers

We have a longstanding tradition of ringing bells at the Neapolitan Publix and this year it continues! We will be ringing in 2 hour shifts the week of Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 4. The fun begins at 10 a.m. and we end at 6 p.m. Put on your Santa hat, wear your Christmas sweater or t-shirt, and ring that bell for Salvation Army! To sign up contact Sherry Hoffman at 239.649.4402.

## News

### Attention: Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women are collecting the annual national PW Thank Offering which this year supports 15 agencies or programs mostly focusing on women and children. It is our way to thank God for the many blessings in our lives. Please send your check to the church made payable to "Presbyterian Women" and in the memo please write "Thank Offering".

### First Presbyterian Preschool School Spirit Fundraiser

Are you interested in showing your school spirit? FPP is hosting a school spirit fundraiser to help raise additional funds needed for our scholarship and financial assistance program, as well as our curriculum enrichment programs. Shipping is available for those of you that would like to participate but may not be visiting Naples this Winter. Visit our website at [www.fppnaples.org](http://www.fppnaples.org) and click on the "Support Our School" tab. Items include umbrellas, t-shirts, insulated cups, children's sunglasses and a sports drawstring bag. Payment options include checks, cash or online payments. Orders accepted Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20.

**Chancel Flowers**

Do you have a special event coming up? Would you like to remember a loved one who has passed? Do you know of someone celebrating a special birthday but don't know what to get them? 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](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

**Stephen Ministry**

These are trying times and life's difficulties can be overwhelming. 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 contact the church office.

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

**Palms Society**

Amazing Grace—Life is a classroom and we are both student and teacher. Each day we receive a passing or failing grade in one subject: grace. Grace is compassion, gratitude, surrender, faith, good manners and reverence. Being a humble person can, and being a helpful person can guide your days with grace and gratitude.

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. If you want to remember our church through the Palms Society, please contact either Rev. Craig Goodrich, Anna Focht at 239.262.1311 or Linda Gadkowski at 508.292.5500.



**POINSETTIA DEDICATION FORM**

Please fill out the following form and return it along with payment to the church office. Please note **Poinsettia Dedication** on the payment. All orders must be received no later than Sunday, December 6. Please use one form per dedication. Additional forms may be found online at [www.fpcnaples.org](http://www.fpcnaples.org). The cost is \$25 per poinsettia. Please **PRINT CLEARLY** the information you would like to appear in the dedication.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A list of dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins.  
You may pick up your poinsettia following the 7 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or after the December 27 worship service.

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