

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



King of Love My Shepherd, by Julie Rogers

**November 22, 2020
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
LITURGY**

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

The Prelude

Festive Trumpet Tune

DAVID GERMAN

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd

People: *and we are the sheep of God's pasture.*

Leader: Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

People: *To God be glory forever and ever.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

** Please stand if able*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

GARY NORDBROCK

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Our first reading this morning comes from Ezekiel, chapter 34. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

HARRY ROWE SHELLEY

Danielle Parks and Logan Gutierrez, soloists

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spreadest a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth, and O the transport of delight, with which my cup overfloweth. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever! Amen.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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 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.

GOING FORTH

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

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. BACH, ARR. VIRGIL FOX

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

The Chancel Flowers are given by Rex and Cayla Childs
in celebration of their 5th Wedding Anniversary.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Ned Camuti, Cynthia Esler, Betty Plum, Patty Rutzler

Greeters

Richard and Barbara Beach, Roy and Karen Parker

In Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Gerald Knudson who died on
November 15, 2020. No services have been planned.

PRAYER LIST

Jackson Barton
*Sharon Cumming
*Joy Frantz
Giraldo-Castano Family
Wayne Godwin
*Bob Graham
*Jane Long
*Diane Miller
Stuczynski Family

H.A. Summerfield
*Charlotte and Dale Waters
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

Zoom with the Pastors will not take place Thanksgiving week, November 25. Please join us again on December 2 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.

Children and Youth

All children, youth and young adult programming is being held online at this time. Kidz Lab (our interactive Sunday school experience for grades pre-K – 5) meets Sundays from 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Youth Group (grades 6 – 12) meets on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Young Adults meet on Sundays at noon (subject to change.) Please contact Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at nancyv@fpcnaples.org for questions and link information.

Missions

Christmas Joy Bags

The Angel tree has been modified this year. 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 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. 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

Join our team for ringing bells at the Neapolitan Publix! 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

Church office hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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". Contact: Barb Heissner at 410.643.1075 or khh0725@atlanticbb.net.

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 in memory or honor of them? 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. Please be sure to include 'flowers' in the memo section of your check. Or you may give online at 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 at 239.262.1311.

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

What is the meaning of Planned Giving? It is good fortune turned into goodwill. 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.

Join us for a
Service of Thanksgiving

Meditation: "A Courageous Thanksgiving"
by Rev. Craig Goodrich

*Music by Dr. Brice Gerlach
and Michele Byrd-Gerlach*

available online beginning
Wednesday, November 25



*Celebrate
with us!*

Traditional
Christmas Eve Worship

4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
masks and social distancing

*Reservations required
call the church office or visit our website
to make a reservation*

www.fpcnaples.org/worship



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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. 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.