

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



The Adoration of the Magi  
ca. 1475

**Epiphany Sunday**  
**January 1, 2023**  
**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

***The March of the Wise Men***

HARVEY B. GAUL

**THE TIME OF GATHERING**

REV. REX CHILDS

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come!

**People: *Jesus Christ is the light of the world.***

Leader: The mystery of the ages is revealed.

**People: *Jesus Christ is the light of the world!***

Leader: Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

**People: *Jesus Christ is the light of the world!***

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

**A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

\*Hymn of Praise #150

***As with Gladness Men of Old***

DIX

1. *As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.*
2. *As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.*
3. *As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.*
4. *Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

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

***Glorry 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

JACK FOGELMAN

**THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

AUDREY GORDON

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Response

***A Christmas Blessing***

PHILIP STOPFORD

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the worship of the wise men and the peace of the Christ child be yours, be yours this Christmas. May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly, all things heavenly, and fill you with joy and peace. And the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always, Amen.

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***Rising Star***

REV. REX CHILDS

**\*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**

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

Offertory

***Still, Still, Still***

AUSTRIAN CAROL  
ARR. NORMAN LUBOFF

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber.

\*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 #151

***We Three Kings of Orient Are***

KINGS OF ORIENT

1. *We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

2. *Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. Refrain.*
3. *Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. Refrain.*

4. *Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Refrain.*

5. *Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice: Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain.*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**Jig Fugue**

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

**Ushers**

Bill Kearney (head usher), Ned Camuti, Dottie Morse,  
Saralene Oldham, Betty Plum, Patty Rutzler

**Greeters**

**Flower Dedication**

The chancel flowers are given by Shirley Hagerson  
in loving memory of her husband, Larry.

**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.*

Jean Abbott  
Lora Adams  
\*Linda Arsenault  
Darryl Bernhardt  
\*Isabelle Connell  
Jeff Cusick  
\*Norma Dallessandro  
\*Colleen Evans  
\*Pam Fisher  
Meredith Holtz  
\*Becky Lappin  
\*Eileen Malstrom  
Edison Martinez  
\*Helen Mavity

\*Gene McCree  
Kent Morse  
\*Jon Myers  
Sharon Pyle  
Craig and Nereida Ruiz  
Julia Schoettle  
Greg Spates  
Joanne Taillele  
Jason Whitmore  
Marge Winfield  
\*Corbin Wyant  
  
\* church member

The U.S. Military  
Stephen Ministers/care  
receivers

Missionary-Honduras  
Dorie Hjalmarson

Central Presbyterian Reformed  
Church (Matanzas, Cuba)  
Prayers for scarcity of goods,  
food and medicine

### **Guests and Visitors Welcome**

We are so glad you joined us in worship this morning. Please visit our Welcome Table in Spencer Hall for a gift and join us for refreshments served by the Presbyterian Women.

### **GenWE Sunday**

Today is GenWE Sunday. These special Sundays, held on the first Sunday of each month, encourage us to gather across generations to worship together. Nursery care is available for our children in preschool and younger and there is also a Wiggle Room adjacent to the sanctuary for those who want to watch the service live while their children have a place to play. We have worship boxes for all our children to help parents guide their children through the service in an interactive way. Please ask an usher for one.

### **Church Office Hours**

The church office will be closed Monday, January 2, in celebration of the New Year holiday.

### **Service time changes**

Beginning next Sunday, January 8, 2023 we will return to two worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. All services are available to view via livestream on our website [www.fpcnaples.org](http://www.fpcnaples.org), our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

### **Taking Down the Greens**

On Wednesday, January 4 at 9 a.m. we will be removing greenery and Christmas decorations from the Sanctuary, Narthex and Spencer Hall. We hope you can join us. Many hands make light work! If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Sandy Poore at [sandyp@fpcnaples.org](mailto:sandyp@fpcnaples.org) or 239.262.1311 ext. 2028.

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

We will meet on Wednesday, January 4 in the Youth Room at 8 a.m. with coffee and pastry. There will be no topic theme that morning. We will have an informal gathering to share with each other our holiday happenings and any other sharing you would like to do. And maybe even talk about some Bowl game results! We will come together again on January 18 for our 2023 kickoff session with a Breakfast Gathering in Spencer Hall at 8 a.m. You will be contacted as to your attendance to make sure we have enough food. Our kickoff gathering will feature Larry Comstock and his presentation will be a follow-up to the topic "Loving Your Enemies" which we held this past fall. Hope you are able to join us. For more information and questions, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or [skearney239@comcast.net](mailto:skearney239@comcast.net).

### **Share a Meal**

We are pleased to offer "Share a Meal" on Friday, January 6. 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](mailto:soldham@helmsbriscoe.com) or 239.643.4703.

### **Presbyterian Women's Gathering**

Happy New Year! Would you like to surround yourself with new friendships as you go through 2023? Join us at our PW Gathering on Wednesday, January 11 to learn how author, Elizabeth Hoagland, said "yes" to making friends in new ways. Elizabeth will inspire us to embrace the opportunities the Lord makes for us to meet and establish long lasting friendships. Sign up at the PW table in Spencer Hall today or on January 8 to reserve your space for lunch (\$10) at noon followed by our program. Presbyterian Women encourages all women to join this time of fun & fellowship with your Christian sisters!

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Join our work crew on Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 a.m. and ride the bus to the worksite. We will return to church by 12:30 p.m. Sign up in Spencer Hall at the Missions table or contact Yancy Brame at 239.331.7731 or [jybrame@gmail.com](mailto:jybrame@gmail.com).

### Confirmation 2023

Are you interested in joining the confirmation class of 2023? This class is offered to any student in grades 8 and higher who wish to explore their faith, learn about our denomination and be confirmed in the church. We will have an informational brunch Sunday, January 15. For information please contact Nancy Van Fleet, [nancyv@fpcnaples.org](mailto:nancyv@fpcnaples.org) or 239.262.1311 ext. 2029.

### Intergenerational Field Trip

Please join us on January 16 from 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. as we travel, via the church bus, to Immokalee to learn about the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance whose mission is to eliminate substandard and overcrowded rental housing for farmworker families and other low and moderate income residents in the area. What does this mean? How is the church helping? How can we make a difference? Cleve Cleveland will give us a tour and educate us about this very important work. We will plan to go out for lunch after the tour. Please RSVP to Ashley Hancock at [ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org](mailto:ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org).

### 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 on Sunday, January 15 following the second worship service in the Parlor. We will encourage you on 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 or you may pick one up at the exit doors, in Spencer Hall or at the Welcome Table. You may register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Sandy Knight at [sandyk@fpcnaples.org](mailto:sandyk@fpcnaples.org).

### 2023-2024 Preschool Registration

First Presbyterian Preschool will soon begin registering for the 2023-2024 school year. Registration will be completed online using our Procure Software program. Enrollment will be available for our half-day, part-time toddler, two and three year old programs and VPK. If you would like to schedule a tour of our preschool or request the registration link, please contact Ashley or Lindsay at 239.262.8315. You can visit our website at [www.fppnaples.org](http://www.fppnaples.org) for more information. Enrollment will be available as follows:

**January 16**-church members; **January 23**-current families and siblings; **February 6**-new families.

### Chancel Flowers

The 2023 flower calendar is available in Spencer Hall if you would like to dedicate chancel flowers in memory, honor or celebration of a loved one. It's easy to do. Just sign the book or call the church office with the date you would like and a dedication announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. The cost is \$85 per dedication and you may make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with "sanctuary flowers" marked in the memo. You may also give online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

### Stephen Ministry

Is this a difficult time of year for you? Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we offer at FPCN. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, are 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

### Feed the 5,000

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of The Salvation Army. Food lists of items requested will be handed out following the service today. Contributions will be collected next Sunday. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" or online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give). Please select "Feed 5,000" fund.

## Staff Listing

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