

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**November 8, 2020
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 Peace May Be Exchanged

DAN LOCKLAIR

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Heirs of the covenant, come; let us present ourselves before the Lord.

People: We gather to worship the Holy One, to incline our hearts to the one true God.

Leader: Family of faith, come; choose this day: Whom will you serve?

People: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

Call to Confession

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are full of mercy and grace. You call us to repent, yet we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We confess that when you have called us to follow you, we have chosen to follow after other gods. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage and the love and the grace to choose to follow you in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, the way of love. And to do so today, even now. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive your forgiveness and be at peace

All: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

BETTY PLUM

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Interlude

Keep Your Lamps!

ARR. ANDRÉ THOMAS

Danielle Parks and Logan Gutierrez, soloists

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Second Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” ¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” ²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” ²⁵So Joshua made a

covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Gotta Serve Somebody

REV. REX CHILDS

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

NANCY VAN FLEET

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)

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move by some dearer, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, clearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Rondo in G

JOHN BULL

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 have been given in memory of Richard Olmstead by his family.

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Tom Clark, Doug Jensen, Sylvia Marsh, Bill Morgan

Greeters

Tom and Jane Woodruff

PRAYER LIST

*Linda Arsenault
Jackson Barton
Mary Ann Simms Chlumsky
*Joy Frantz
Wayne Godwin
*Bob Graham
John Kenya
*Jerry Knudson
*Jane Long
Eduardo Martinez
*Diane Miller
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Stephen Rice
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Cuba
Rev. Ary Fernandez Alban
Rev. Beidy Casas Aragon
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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.

Parlor Talks: You and Your Spouse/loved ones - Know the “what ifs” when one passes

Be prepared to handle the hurdles of the first year of being a widow/widower or being alone. You will receive information to prepare your loved ones, check lists to follow, and the resources available to you. This informal session will be led by Linda Gadkowski, Certified Financial Planner™ Professional, and Amy Manley, Certified Financial Planner™ Professional, Financial Advisor. Join us on Friday, November 13 at 9 a.m. Please register with either Linda Gadkowski (linda.gadkowski@gmail.com) or Amy Manley (amanley@janney.com).

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 an 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.

Office Hours

The staff is currently working in the office however, we are available by appointment only. To make an appointment with a staff member, please call 239.262.1311. For access to the building you may ring the doorbell at the main office entrance. Please remember to bring your mask.

Membership at First Presbyterian Church

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. Please contact either Rev. Craig Goodrich (craigg@fpcnaples.org) or Rev. Rex Childs (rexc@fpcnaples.org).

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).

Planned Giving

A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. Amelia Earhart.

Advice from the Palms Society Tree:

- Stand tall and proud
- Remember your roots
- Drink plenty of water
- Be content with your natural beauty
- Enjoy the view

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. 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.

STAFF

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SERVING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Elders

Class of 2020

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Doug Jensen
Saralene Oldham
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