

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent
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

Noel Etranger

LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

THE COINÉ FAMILY

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming. Light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love, remembering the promises of God.

Acolyte: We light this candle of joy. Hear the prophet Zephaniah's song of joy: "Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you with his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival."

Leader: God of hope and peace, God of joyous good news, surely you are our salvation.

People: We will trust and not be afraid.

Leader: For the LORD is our strength and might: God has become our salvation.

People: With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Leader: And we will say in that day,

People: rejoice in the Lord always; again we say rejoice.

All: Let us Worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Hymn of Praise #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1. *Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

2. *Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?*

Refrain.

3. *Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.*

Refrain.

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

An angel spoke to Mary: "Do not be afraid!" And yet, O Lord, we find ourselves paralyzed by fear. We are afraid of not being enough; afraid to say yes to your call. Forgive us of our sins, O Lord, and help us to turn back to you. Give us the faith of Mary to respond to your grace with lives of grateful praise. Here we are, Lord, your servants ready to try again.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

** Please stand if able*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Do not fear says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. By the grace 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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Presentation of Candidates

Elders Class of 2024: Steve Barwick, Doug Jensen, Jerry Lanz, Saralene Oldham, Rich Peterson, Barbara Weiss

Deacons Class of 2024: Mary Armstrong, Marti Beard, Norman Brown, Pam Fisher, Amy Manley, Jack Marsh, Sylvia Marsh, Melissa McClayton, Sarah Nichols, Ali Norris, Betty Plum, Gary Root, Susan Sonderby, Liz Speake, Gay Stover

Questions of the Candidates

Questions of the Congregation

Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept Steve, Doug, Jerry, Saralene, Rich and Barbara as ruling elders, and Mary, Marti, Norman, Pam, Amy, Jack, Sylvia, Melissa, Sarah, Ali, Betty, Gary, Susan, Liz and Gay as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

Leader: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination, Installation and Welcome

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

PATTY RUTZLER

First Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

PEW BIBLE PAGE 955

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

People, Look East

FRENCH FOLK MELODY

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Second Reading

Luke 1:26-38

PEW BIBLE PAGE 831

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Let It Be

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

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

The Offertory

Ave Maria

PHILIP STOPFORD

Ave Maria gratia plena; Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus. Ave Maria gratia plena, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary full of grace; the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*The Doxology

***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***

GOING FORTH

Hymn of Commitment #143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

1. *Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

2. *Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Refrain.*

3. *Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
Refrain.*

4. *All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Refrain.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Noël (Grand Jeu et Duo)

LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN

Offering

Offering boxes are located near 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 Melissa McClayton,
in loving memory of her brother, Matthew A. Mosbaugh
and by

Rich, Joan and Alivia Crawl in loving memory of Cathy Crawl Hagemeyer.

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Tom and Gail Clark, Doug Jensen, Lucy Koll, Sylvia Marsh, Bill Morgan

Greeters

Jean Kasten, Barbara and Roger Simons, Martha Waddell

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.

*Linda Arsenault
Darryl Bernhardt
*Bill Crawford
Scott McCullough
*Jane Nordlund
John Robinson
Cynthia Scott
*Dan Stellema
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens

Schools and teachers
The U.S. Military
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Dorie Hjalmarson
Central Presbyterian Reformed
Church (Matanzas, Cuba)
Judith Abreu, Carlitos Camps
Rev. Beidy Casas Aragon,
Joseito Martinez, Rolando
Morales, Idania and Nidia
Patria, Yadir Puron, Bello
Puron, Dr. Javier Vidal

News

Advent Devotional

Available for you is the Advent Devotional *Come to Bethlehem and Be Nourished; Advent's Hunger Gives Way to Christmas Fulfillment* by Donna Frischknecht Jackson, Editor of Presbyterians Today. Along with daily devotions, each week you will be given a different bread recipe to make and share with friends, neighbors or the community at large. You may pick up a hard copy as you leave the sanctuary or read the devotional online at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/advent2021.

Ushers Needed

We have a dire need for those who would be willing to serve as ushers, especially when we return to two services on January 9, 2022. If you are willing to serve, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871, or by email skearney239@comcast.net or see him after the service today in Spencer Hall. Your help is much appreciated.

Stephen Ministry

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, 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

Year-end Giving

Thanks to all of you who have so generously given of your resources to the ministry of Jesus Christ in and through our congregation. As we head towards the end of our fiscal year, we ask that if you have been blessed financially you would consider an additional gift to help cover our 2021 budgeted expenses. Any funds received that exceed these expenses will be devoted to Mission. Thank you!

Year-end giving directly from an IRA

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to make tax-free charitable distributions from IRAs. One key benefit of the direct charitable contribution from your IRA is that the distribution counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You can contribute more than your RMD to charity as long as you do not exceed \$100,000 in a calendar year. The gift can satisfy a pledge that you have made. To complete a QCD from your IRA, please make sure the check is payable directly to the First Presbyterian Church of Naples by your financial institution or IRA custodian. When giving, please be sure to consult with your tax advisor or lawyer to fully understand the current tax law. For general information, feel free to contact Sharman Pfaus, sharmanp@fpcnaples.org.

Please note: For contributions to be included in 2021 they must be postmarked by Thursday, December 30, 2021, as the Post Office will be closed on December 31.

Deacon Christmas Remembrance Gifts

The Chancel is lined with remembrance gifts to be delivered to our homebound and others. Please feel free to pick up and deliver a gift to someone in your zip code area.

Staff Christmas Luncheon

Your dedicated staff will enjoy a Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 14. The church office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thank you for your continued support.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

We continue to present a study on the Book of Acts. Our presenter December 15 at 8 a.m. will be Jack Marsh, who will present the topic "The Early Church and the Jewish Establishment." We will meet in Spencer Hall or you may join us via Zoom. For link information, contact Bill Kearney, skearney239@comcast.net.

Sacred Habits—An Advent Journey

You are invited to take part in Sacred Habits – An Advent Journey. Our time together is an intentional effort to allow some space and silence in our lives during the Advent Season through Centering Prayer. We will meet on December 15 in person or via Zoom. This Wednesday we will focus on the theme "Advent waiting is hopeful." Join us in person from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, via Zoom from 6-7 p.m. RSVP to Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

Blue Christmas

There is a growing attentiveness to the needs of people who are blue at Christmas. Not everyone is cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with tragedy or struggles puts a question mark over the future. Join us for a service of comfort, hope, wholeness and renewal on Wednesday, December 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Service time changes

Beginning Sunday, January 9, 2022 we will return to two worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Did you miss the Christmas concert?

You can now enjoy the beautiful music of our Christmas Concert by watching it online. Please visit our website www.fpcnaples.org/music.

Congregational Meeting

A meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, December 19 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to accept the terms of call for Rev. Craig Goodrich and Rev. Rex Childs.

2022-2023 Preschool Enrollment

First Presbyterian Preschool will soon begin enrolling for 2022-2023. Registration will be completed online using our Sandbox 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.fpcnaples.org for more information. Enrollment will be available as follows: **January 10**-church members; **January 17**-current families and siblings; **February 7**-new families.

FPCN Green Team Launches 2022 Wednesdays at First-With Dinner!

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and join us to welcome Rob Moher, President and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. During his 22 year tenure at the Conservancy, more than \$130 million has been raised to build upon the Conservancy's outstanding 57 year history of protecting Southwest Florida's water, land, wildlife, and future.

A light dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. for \$10 followed by Rob's presentation at 6 p.m. Please join us in person for dinner or just for the presentation. Reservations may be made either in Spencer Hall or email Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org. Please indicate whether you wish to come for dinner or for the presentation only. Questions? Contact Roni Haggart, vhaggart@gmail.com.

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Join us for Christmas Eve Worship

5 p.m.

Family Service

7 p.m.

Traditional Candlelight Service

Special music begins at 6:30 p.m.

Each of the services will also be available via livestream on our website.



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