

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Journey of the Magi, by Graham Pope

**January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday
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

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

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

People: The glory of the Lord shines upon us.

Leader: From far-flung lands, people stream to the light.

People: We come, drawn toward the brightness of the dawn.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and see: the faithful gather together.

People: Our hearts rejoice as we greet the Lord with praise!

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 thy 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

REV. REX CHILDS

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 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!

** Please stand if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

PEW BIBLE PAGE 602

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

PHILIP STOPFORD

Lully, Lulla, By, by, Thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully, lullay. O sisters too how may we do for to preserve this day? This poor youngling for whom we sing By, by, lully, lullay. Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day. His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day, For Thy parting neither say nor sing, By, by lully, lullay.

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, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'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.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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."

⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And 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

Wisdom for a New Year

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

A Christmas Blessing

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.

*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 #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, worshipping 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

Jack Marsh (head usher), Walter and Linda Gadkowski, Sylvia Marsh,
Mark and Carolyn Mollers, Bill Morgan

Greeters

Karen Parker, Roger and Barbara Simons, Kitty Wildman

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
*Marion De Lessio
Scott McCullough
*Jane Nordlund
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The U.S. Military
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* church member

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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

News

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.

2022-2023 Preschool Enrollment

First Presbyterian Preschool will soon begin enrolling for 2022-2023. 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 may visit our website at www.fppnaples.org for more information. Enrollment will be available as follows: **January 10**-church members; **January 17**-current families and siblings; **February 7**-new families.

Cell Phone Ministry

Has someone in your family gotten a new cell phone? If so, you can help protect vulnerable women and children by donating used cell phones to a charitable cause. The Shelter for Abused Women and Children removes all data from the phones, programs them to call 911 only, and provides these phones to survivors of abuse to ensure they have immediate phone access to call for help. There is a cell phone collection box in Spencer Hall. Thank you for your support of our mission partner. Please contact Kristin Vaccaro with any questions at 615.585.3244.

PW Blanket Collection

Between January 16 and the 30, Presbyterian Women will once again resume their annual blanket drive. Your donated clean used blankets or new blankets will be collected in our "Blanket Box" located in Spencer Hall. The donated blankets will be given to Mision Peniel for their members needing extra warmth for the winter months.

Stephen Ministry

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, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall or contact the church office.

Events

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Meetings take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. January 5 will be a recap, reflections and "What About You?" led by Larry Comstock and Rev. Craig Goodrich. Please plan to join us either in person or by Zoom. If you have comments, questions, or require the Zoom link, contact Bill Kearney, skearney239@comcast.net.

HUDDLE A Men's Bible Discussion Group

All men are invited and encouraged to gather with us in Spencer Hall each Thursday at noon. Bring a Bible and your lunch! If unable to attend in person, you are welcome to join the meeting via Zoom. Please contact Rev. Rex Childs at rexc@fpcnaples.org for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

We welcome back the children and youth on Sunday, January 9

The children will be participating in an Interactive Art Experience following the Children's Time. Join the children and youth after the 10:15 a.m. service in the Courtyard for an interactive intergenerational project led by artist, Susan Pratt. When the painting is completed, it will be displayed as a reminder of this time - coming together after many months. We hope you will grab a cup of coffee and join us!

Children and Youth Ministry

Our programming for children grades K-5 will begin in person on January 9 at the 10:15 a.m. service. Starting in January we will offer a hybrid Kidz Lab for those present at church and those who want to join us via Zoom.

Youth group (grades 6-12) join together again with our "Rock the Universe" event from January 29-30 in Orlando.

For information on any of the Children & Youth programs, please contact Nancy Van Fleet nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

Events

Women's Ministry Bible Study

If you are missing the weekly WOW meetings in January we invite you to a weekly Bible Study beginning Monday, January 10 at 1 p.m. in the Youth Room, located on the second floor of the Mase Education Center. We will begin reading the Gospel of John. This will be a women's fellowship/study with no homework. Please bring your own Bible. For more information please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmcclure.com

Presbyterian Women's Gathering

Presbyterian Women are taking reservations today and on January 9 for their PW Gathering and box lunch on Wednesday, January 12. Author Elizabeth Hoagland will be reviewing her book, "Let's Be Friends." Elizabeth will offer endless opportunities for reaching out to others in friendship, care, laughter, and prayer. Reservations are secured with your \$10 payment when you sign up.

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. 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.

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Join our work crew as we help to construct a Habitat for Humanity home for a deserving Collier County family. We will gather at the church Thursday, January 13 at 7:30 a.m. and will ride the bus to our worksite. We will return to church by 12:30 p.m. Sign up in Spencer Hall at the Missions table. Questions? Contact Yancey Brame at [jybrame@gmail.com](mailto: jybrame@gmail.com) or 239.331.7731.

Seekers and Joiners Class

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. A Seekers and Joiners class will be held on Sunday, January 16, following the 10:15 a.m. worship service in the Parlor. Information packets are available at the exit doors. Please register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Angie Johnson angiej@fpcnaples.org.

Seminar — *What to do when a loved one passes*

Learn how to be prepared to handle the hurdles of the first year of losing a loved one and the resources available to you. This informal session will be led by Amy Manley, Certified Financial Planner and Linda Gadkowski, Certified Financial Planner. Sunday, January 16, after each service in Room 204 in the Mase Education Center. Please sign up in Spencer Hall at the Palm Society table or email Linda.Gadkowski@gmail.com.

Giving Opportunities

Disaster Relief

We have all seen the images of devastation brought about by the December tornadoes. We would like to offer you an opportunity to financially support recovery efforts through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organization. PDA deploys people on the ground to provide basic needs to those affected and helps them rebuild their lives.

If you wish to support this effort, you may send a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please note in the memo "Disaster Assistance." You may also give online through our website, www.fpcnaples.org/give. When prompted, select "Disaster Assistance" from the drop down menu. Contact Sharman Pfaus, sharmanp@fpcnaples.org, with any questions.

The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. To learn more about the Palms Society please contact Sharman Pfaus, sharmanp@fpcnaples.org or Linda Gadkowski, linda.gadkowski@gmail.com.

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