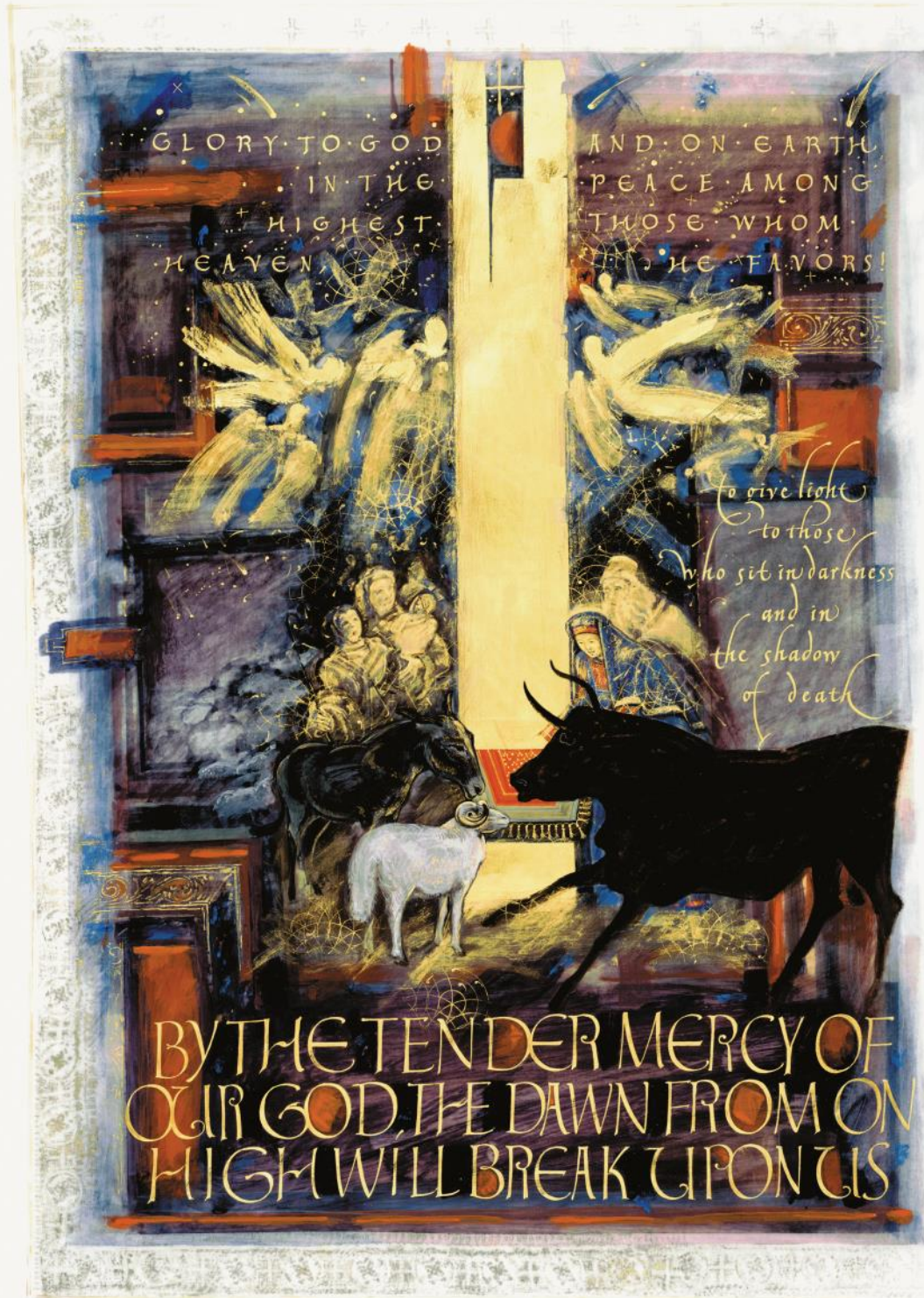


# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



*Birth of Christ, Donald Jackson, The Saint John's Bible*

**Christmas Day**  
**December 25, 2022**  
**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

**Gesu Bambino**  
Colin Gerlach, violin

PIETRO YON

## THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. REX CHILDS

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,

**People: for the true light has come into the world!**

Leader: Break forth into singing,

**People: for in Christ is life!**

Leader: The Word has become flesh and lives among us,

**People: and we have seen God's glory, full of grace and truth!**

**All: Let us worship God!**

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

\*Hymn of Praise #119

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

MENDELSSOHN

- Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*
- Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*
- Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

Call to Confession

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, reflection of God's glory, let this be a day that changes us. Let this be a day that challenges us to live as those you have blessed. Let this be a day that we find not only forgiveness, but a new way forward. Renew your call to us. Save us, forgive us, and inspire us to allow our lives to be imbued with your presence.**

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus came to save us, not because of our works, but according to the mercy of God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

***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

**THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

AMY MANLEY

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

PEW BIBLE PAGE 596

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Response

***Mary Had a Baby*** SPIRITUAL, ARR. JOAN FREY BOYTIM

Sophia Torres, mezzo-soprano

Mary had a baby, my Lord. What did she name him, my Lord? She named him King Jesus, my Lord. Where was he born, my Lord? Born in a manger, My Lord.

Second Reading

Luke 2:15-20

PEW BIBLE PAGE 833

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***To Bethlehem***

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

***Sweet Little Jesus Boy***  
Daniela Pepe, mezzo-soprano

ROBERT MAC GIMSEY

Sweet little Jesus Boy – they made you be born in a manger. Sweet little Holy Child – didn't know who you were. Didn't know you'd come to save us Lord; to take our sins away. Our eyes were blind, we couldn't see, we didn't know who you were. Long time ago you were born, Born in a manger low – Sweet little Jesus Boy. The world treats you mean Lord, treats me mean too, but that's how things are down here: we don't know who you are. You have told us how – we are trying. Master you have shown us how even when you were dying. Just seems like we can't do right, look how we treated you. But please sir -- forgive us Lord – we didn't know 'twas you. Sweet little Jesus Boy – born long time ago — Sweet little Holy Child — and we didn't know who you were.

\*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 #136

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain***

GO TELL IT

*Refrain:*

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain.*
- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain.*
- 3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain.*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

***Von Himmel hoch***  
***(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)***

JOHANN PACHELBEL

## Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Sharlene Kearney, Dottie Morse, Betty Plum, Patty Rutzler

## Greeters

Cindy Esler, Amy Manley, Cari Rieder and family, Betty Plum

## Flower Dedication

The chancel flowers are given by Bill McClayton  
in loving memory of his mother Lois McClayton  
and by  
Brad and Carleen Hoffman in honor of Sharon Hoffman.

## 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  
\*Isabelle Connell  
Jeff Cusick  
Darryl Bernhardt  
\*Norma Dallessandro  
\*Colleen Evans  
\*Pam Fisher  
Meredith Holtz  
\*Becky Lappin  
Edison Martinez  
\*Helen Mavity  
\*Eileen Malstrom

\*Gene McCree  
Kent Morse  
\*Jon Myers  
Craig and Nereida Ruiz  
Sharon Pyle  
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're 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.

### **Church Office Hours**

The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27 in celebration of the Christmas holiday.

### **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.

### **Service time changes**

Beginning 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.

### **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.

### **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 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 or 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.

### **Sew & Sews Stamp Collection**

Are you getting Christmas cards from friends and family both near and far? Don't forget to save the stamps! The Sew and Sews/Presbyterian Women continue with their ministry of collecting stamps and sending them in to Stamp Alliance Ministry. These stamps are sold and monies are used to purchase Sunday School materials for Spanish speaking children nationally and internationally. Stamps can be trimmed leaving approximately 1/4" around the stamp. A collection box is located in Spencer Hall.

### **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.

### **E-mail communications**

In an effort to keep parishioners informed of upcoming events, e-mail blasts are being sent out on a weekly basis. If we do not have your e-mail address or if you are not receiving these notices, please contact Kathleen Law at [kathleenl@fpcnaples.org](mailto:kathleenl@fpcnaples.org) or 239.262.1311 ext. 2013.

**Feed the bear**, the Care Bear, that is. He resides on the Mission table in Spencer Hall ready to receive your dollars and cents to be used to purchase food for our Power Pak program, which provides meals/snacks for Big Cypress Elementary School students who would not otherwise have enough to eat over the weekend. We are currently serving 25 students each week. Payments to the Power Pak program may also be made online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give). Please select Mission-Power Pak Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

## Giving Opportunities

### **Year-End Giving**

A huge 'thank you' to our FPCN family for your generous gifts throughout 2022. Countless lives have been touched and changed because of all of you who have made contributions throughout the year.

All contributions will need to be received by noon on Friday, December 30, (or post marked by December 31,) in order to be counted towards your 2022 giving. Please feel free to contact Debbie Savage via e-mail at [debbies@fpcnaples.org](mailto:debbies@fpcnaples.org) or by phone at 239.262.1311 ext. 2042 with any giving questions.

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