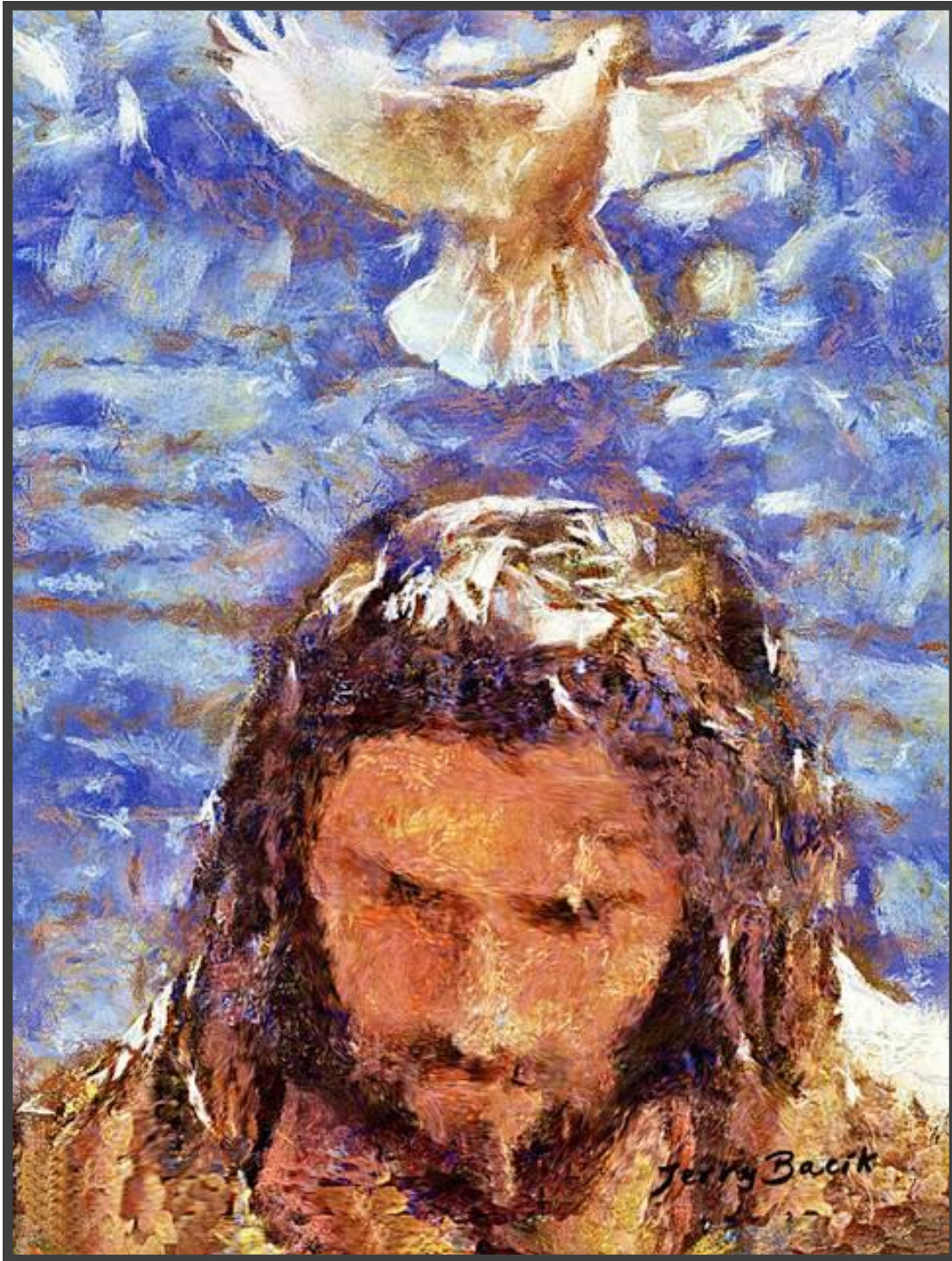


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Baptism, by Jerry Bacik

**January 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord
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

Cantilena

JOSEPH RHEINBERGER

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: From the north and from the south we come;

People: from the east and from the west, God calls us.

Leader: Through the waters of baptism, God claims us,

People: over the mighty waters, the Lord speaks,

Leader: I have called you by name; you are mine.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*
- 2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*
- 3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*
- 4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

LINDA GADKOWSKI

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

PEW BIBLE PAGE 585

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

JOHN D. HORMAN

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John. He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave. Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form. The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice." We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place. We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace. But now beside this water again a voice is heard. "you are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

Second Reading

Luke 3:14-17, 21-22

PEW BIBLE PAGE 834

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Your True Self

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 God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Arise! Shine!

JOSEPH M. MARTIN

*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***

*Prayer of Dedication

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain.

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution—*communion cups are available when exiting the Sanctuary.*

GOING FORTH

Hymn of Commitment #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

1. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*
2. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.*
3. *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

SIGFRID KARG-ELERT

Offering

Offering boxes and baskets 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 Jacque Coombs
in loving memory of her husband George Coombs and her heartfelt thanks to family
and friends for their ongoing love and support
and by
Kathy Norgart and Chuck Mundt in loving memory of their son Ryan C. Mundt
and by
the De Lessio family in loving memory of Marion De Lessio.

Ushers

Richard Beach (head usher), Barbara Beach, Jim and Pat Bailey, Sally Jackson,
Tom and Dorie Tichenor, Donna Tincu, Tom and Jane Woodruff

Greeters

Jean Kasten, Karen Parker, Mark and Liz Speake

In Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of
Marion De Lessio who passed away on December 30, 2021,
and Kitty Hartzell who passed away on January 3, 2022.

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
Stuczynski Family
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens

Schools and teachers
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers
* church member

Missionary (Honduras)
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

SESSION UPDATE

At a special meeting of the Session on Monday, January 3, the elders reviewed the dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Collier County and took the following actions:

1. For the near future, we will stay with one worship service at 9:30 and utilize all balconies if needed. We will monitor attendance to see if there is a need to go to two services.
2. Masks will be required for all.
3. Congregational singing will be allowed.
4. Communion will be by take-home packets.
5. Offering will be collected via receptacles boxes by the exit doors instead of passing the plate.
6. Attendance will be obtained by completing individual cards, instead of passing the friendship pads.
7. For all in-person meetings on premises, attendees will be required to wear masks.
8. Zoom meetings will be encouraged.
9. Staff, including Preschool staff, will mask unless working alone in their offices.
10. There will be no food or drink served or consumed for church events; hosts can provide take home meals if desired.
11. We encourage all to be vaccinated and boosted.

Thank you for your cooperation and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.
Craig Goodrich, Rex Childs and Elders

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

Giving Opportunities

Deacons Fund Sunday

Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please consider donating to the Fund today using the pink envelopes located by the offering boxes. You may also donate at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Ways to GIVE



**Sunday
Worship**



Online



Mail

Events

Children and Youth

The Interactive Art Experience will be postponed until further notice.

HUDDLE - A Men's Bible Discussion Group

All men are invited and encouraged to gather with us in Spencer Hall each Thursday at noon. 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.

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—Change in plans

Due to the recent change in protocols, Presbyterian Women will reschedule their January Gathering lunch and program. Elizabeth Hoagland's discussion on her book, *Let's Be Friends* will be given at another time when sharing a meal and socializing with each other will avail to an uplifting and fun social opportunity. If you have signed up and paid for your lunch, please stop by the PW table in Spencer Hall to receive your refund.

FPCN Green Team Wednesdays at First

The presentation on January 12 has been postponed to a later date. Please stay tuned for information as we reschedule Rob Mohr, from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. If you have made a reservation, please contact Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

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 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 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 the 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.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

We will start a new series on the study of great, former religious leaders on January 19 at 8 a.m. via Zoom. The first in the series will be "Saint Augustine" and the presenter will be Chuck Work. This will be our "kick-off" for 2022. We have a need for several topic leaders so please let us know if you are willing. If you have any comments, questions, or require the Zoom link, contact Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

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