

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



*Fulfillment of Creation, Thomas Ingmire*

**Commitment Sunday**  
**February 12, 2023**  
**8:30 and 10:15 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      **Prelude on “Fairest Lord Jesus” and “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**  
EDWARD L. GOOD

Welcome and Announcements      REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

## THE TIME OF GATHERING

### Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord!

**People: Again, we will say rejoice!**

Leader: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

**People: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

\*Hymn of Praise #305

**Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

DARWALL'S 148TH

1. *Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*
2. *Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*
3. *Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*
4. *Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you are the true vine. We wish to abide in you and your love but we repeatedly turn away. We often fail to keep your commandments. We worry too much and we pray too little. We have not learned to be content with what we have, always wanting more. We rely on our own strength rather than looking to you for help. Forgive us, O God. Prune us that we would bear much fruit for your kingdom. Teach us to think on the things that are true and honorable, just and pure so we may receive once again your peace which surpasses all understanding.**

### A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

#### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri #580

GREATOREX

**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!**

\*Indicates all who are able, please stand

**THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

8:30 A.M. GARY NORDBROCK

10:15 A.M. YANCEY BRAME

First Reading

John 15:1-10

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Response

**Live in Charity**

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup>Keep 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. <sup>10</sup>I 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. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup>I 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. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Joy for the Journey**

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

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 Pledges, Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

### **True Light**

KEITH HAMPTON

Daniela Pepe, soloist

This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light. In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light. He lives in us as True Light. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light. Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves you praise you again and again. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. But let the one who serves you praise you again and again. This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine – Everywhere I go, I want the world to know God gave the world True Light!

\*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 #804 (vs. 1,3,5) **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

MARION

1. *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*
3. *Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*
5. *Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

CRAIG PHILLIPS

### Ushers

8:30 a.m. Jack Marsh (head usher), Linda Gadkowski, Doug Jensen, Lucy Koll,  
Jerry Miller, Patty Rutzler

10:15 a.m. Caryn and Steve Yarbrough (head ushers), Michael Bennett, Lucy Koll,  
Joan and Al Lubrano, Dottie Morse

### Greeters

8:30 a.m. Nancy Daniel, Holly and Doug Jensen, Jean and Kes Kasten, Karen Ryan

10:15 a.m. Barbrann Budd, Barb Goldsworthy, Joanne and John Slager,  
Audrey Smith and Doug Gibbens

### Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Janie Brown Casassa  
in honor of our pastors and church staff.

### Deacon Sunday

Today is "Deacon Sunday." We hope you will take this opportunity  
to meet the deacon currently assigned to your parish,  
update your contact information, and enjoy refreshments.  
Deacons will be available after both services.

## 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  
Darryl Bernhardt  
\*Norma Dallessandro  
\*Colleen Evans  
\*Linda Ferrario  
\*Pam Fisher  
Iris Horey  
Matthew Hudson  
Alice Iverson

\*Joe Johnston's  
grandchildren  
\*Nancy Kay  
\*Becky Lappin  
\*Eileen Malstrom  
\*Marge Martin  
\*Helen Mavity  
\*Gene McCree  
\*Elizabeth Miller  
Paul Mockenhaupt

Kent Morse  
\*Jon Myers  
Chase Nixon  
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 are 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.

### **Vacation Bible School 2023**

Vacation Bible School is to be held June 26-30, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. VBS will be here before we know it and we need volunteers to help make it happen. Are you interested in being a part of the fun? We are meeting this morning at 11:30 a.m. (after the 10:15 a.m. service) in Spencer Hall. RSVP to Ashley Hancock, [ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org](mailto:ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org)

### **Women's Ministry Bible Study**

All women are welcome to join us each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. Please bring your Bible as we study the Book of Acts. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at [jrmc@airmcclure.com](mailto:jrmc@airmcclure.com).

### **Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship**

Join us Wednesday, February 15 at 8 a.m. in Spencer Hall or via Zoom. "Aging is the ultimate human challenge." So writes Dr. Charles Edwards in his book *Much Abides: A Survival Guide for Aging Lives*. Join us for coffee and fellowship as Craig Goodrich leads us in a discussion on "aging," specifically focusing on the book *Aging Faithfully* by Alice Fryling." If you would like to participate via Zoom, or for more information and questions, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or [skearney239@comcast.net](mailto:skearney239@comcast.net).

### **Presbyterian Women's Circles**

This Wednesday, February 15, three of our PW circles will be meeting: Love & Friendship Circle at 9:30 a.m. (Martha Waddell 507.581.1480), Sunshine Circle at 11:30 a.m. (Janet Root 239.963.9838) and Peace with Honor Circle at 1:15 p.m. (Betty Mangos 239.254.9883). All Circle meetings take place in the Parlor. You are invited to join any of the Circles for some fellowship and discussion of our study, "Celebrating Sabbath." Study books are available at the PW table in Spencer Hall.

### **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 David Fister at [davidf@fpcnaples.org](mailto:davidf@fpcnaples.org) for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

### **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, February 26 following the 10:15 a.m. 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. Informational packets will be available at the class or you may pick one up at the exit doors, Spencer Hall or at the Welcome Table. You may register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or e-mailing Sandy Knight at [sandyk@fpcnaples.org](mailto:sandyk@fpcnaples.org).

### **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, 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.

### **Name Badges**

Please remember to wear your name badges to worship and church gatherings so that we may greet you by name.

### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers we see on the chancel each week are a wonderful way to contribute to the beauty of worship. You may dedicate the flowers in thanksgiving, in memory or in honor of loved ones to commemorate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or graduations. Following the service the arrangements are broken down into smaller bouquets and given to those recently hospitalized or celebrating a special birthday. You may sign up in Spencer Hall or call the church office. The cost is \$85 per dedication. Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with "chancel flowers" marked in the memo or payment can be made online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).



### **The Saint John's Bible Training**

The Saint John's Bible volumes will soon be available at events in the life of this church, from worship services to adult studies. As a member, are

you interested in helping with set up and care of these books? Are you willing to introduce the Bible to those who are new to this gift? If you are interested in becoming one of our stewards/docents, please join us for a training workshop on Saturday, February 18 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The workshop will be led by Tim Ternes, Director of *The Saint John's Bible* Project. Please sign up by Thursday, February 15 with Sandy Knight at [sandyk@fpcnaples.org](mailto:sandyk@fpcnaples.org) or 239.262.1311. For more information please contact Deborah Meeson-Vigé at [deborah.meeson@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.meeson@gmail.com).

### **You are invited to a presentation by Tim Ternes, Director of *The Saint John's Bible* Project on Saturday, February 18 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

Through video, projected imagery, dynamic reproductions and engaging discussions you will have the opportunity to see, hear and learn more about this inspirational undertaking. Guests will have the opportunity to turn the pages on full-size, museum quality art reproductions of the original and see first-hand the splendor of this work.

### **Dedication of the Saint John's Bible with Rev. Dr. John Ross on Sunday, February 19 at 10:15 a.m.**

Join us for worship and the dedication of The Saint John's Bible. Our guest preacher will be The Reverend Dr. John F. Ross, Executive Director of *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Program at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

**On Sunday, February 19 we will have one worship service at 10:15 a.m. so we can all be together for the dedication of The Saint John's Bible.**

## Giving Opportunities

### **Feed the 5,000**

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of Grace Place. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" or online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give). Please select "Feed 5,000" fund.

### **Power Pak Program**

Feed the bear, the Care Bear, that is. He resides on the cookie/punch 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. Contributions 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.

## 2023 Generosity Campaign



*But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*  
Ephesians 4:15-16

Today is Commitment Sunday! If you have not already completed a commitment card, and would like to make a commitment to the church, cards may be found in the pews or you can fill one out online ([www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give)). Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## Staff

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