

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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

TO THE
ENDS
OF THE
EARTH



To the Ends of the Earth, Donald Jackson

**April 23, 2023
Earth Care Sunday
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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

DALE WOOD

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: *the world and those who live in it.*

Leader: God has founded it on the seas,

People: *and established it on the rivers.*

Leader: The plants and the trees show forth God's glory.

People: *We join with all creation in praising the Lord.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation.
Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries
of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your
grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive your 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 (10:15 A.M.)

JACK FOGELMAN

Reception of New Members (10:15 A.M.)

Presentation of New Members

SARALENE OLDHAM, CLERK OF SESSION

Dick Barton, Howell "Johnny" Boyles, Karen Boyles, Louise Jensen, Richard Jensen

Questions of Members

Question of the Congregation

Elder: Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture these members by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

Prayer

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

8:30 A.M. MELISSA MCCLAYTON

10:15 A.M. LINDA GADKOWSKI

First Reading

John 1:1-13

PEW BIBLE PAGE 862

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

For the Fruit of All Creation

WELSH MELODY

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wolf and Lamb

REV. REX CHILDS

*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, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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 Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Look at the World

JOHN RUTTER

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows; everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heavens above.

*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

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #32 ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

ELLACOMBE

- 1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*
- 2. I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!*
- 3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Rondo in G

JOHN BULL

Earth Care Sunday

Yesterday, April 22, was *Earth Day* worldwide. This year's theme is "Invest in our Planet." We are proud to announce that FPCN has been recertified as an Earth Care Congregation for the third year in a row.

Today we celebrate Earth Care Sunday through activities for our youth, Rev. Childs' sermon, our hymns and our prayers. Please join us in becoming passionate about saving our planet through "acts of green" in our homes and our communities as well as through our church.

All generations are invited to join us in the courtyard today, following the 10:15 a.m. worship service, as we honor our earth with an interactive planting activity. All participants will bring home a potted plant held in a bag created by our children.

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by
Carmela Gilbertsen in loving memory of her husband, Bob
and
in memory of Hansen Long.

Ushers

8:30 a.m. Jeff Camp (head usher), Cindy Esler, Jacque Foust, Patty Rutzler
10:15 a.m. Caryn and Steve Yarbrough (head ushers), Barb Davis, Lucy Koll, Karen Parker,
Deb Streamer

Greeters

8:30 a.m. Melissa McClayton, Jan and David Witman
10:15 a.m. Cynthia Anderson, Heather Cartwright, Sue and Bob Guyett

In Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Autera,
who died on April 18, 2023.

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.

*Howard Anker	Bonnie James	Sharon Pyle	Missionary-Honduras
*Linda Arsenault	Samantha Knott	Julia Schoettle	Dorie Hjalmarson
Daryl Berhardy	*Jim Ledinsky	Mary Sherlock	
Joe M. Brady	*Eileen Malstrom		Medical Missionary-
*Juanita Bunker	*Marge Martin	*church member	Guatemala
*Marjorie Cashion	*Gene McCree		*Dr. Mark Speake
Kerin Clark	Brenda McKinney		*Yancey Brame
*Norma Dallessandro	Leslie Moore	The U.S. Military	
Todd Fisher	Kent Morse	Stephen Ministers/care	Central Presbyterian
Patricio Gilchrist	Nicholas Machinga	receivers	Reformed Church
*Margaret Green	Patricia Perrin		Matnzas, Cuba)
*Larry Hibbett	Sean Pratt		

Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please contact our Assistant for Caring Ministries, Susan Pratt at susanp@fpcnaples.org. Also, please remember to let the hospital know that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

News & Events

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.

Church Tour

All are welcome to join a "Behind the Scenes" church tour this morning between the services. Guides and guests will assemble at the front of the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. and take a 30 minute tour around the campus. We welcome you to become more familiar with the layout and activities at FPCN.

Heading North?

If you are heading north? Please be sure to let us know by checking the box on the Friendship Pad, sending an e-mail (fpc@fpcnaples.org), or calling the office (239.262.1311). And remember to follow us on our website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Women of the Way Spring Study

ALL women are invited to the **WOW Spring Study** when we'll gather for fellowship, exploration of Scripture and small group discussion. We'll cover the last four chapters of **"The Spirit-Led Heart: Living a Life of Love and Faith without Borders"**. Thursdays, April 27-May 25; 9-11 a.m. in Spencer Hall (a live morning Zoom option will also be available). Sign-up in Spencer Hall at the WOW table after worship this morning or online at fpcwomen2017@gmail.com. Please include your name and email or phone number; whether you need a study book; whether you'll participate in person or by Zoom. The study book can be purchased from Amazon or copies will be available in Spencer Hall at the WOW table for \$9.50. Questions? Contact Andie Goodrich at 404.317.5850 or andie.goodrich@gmail.com.

Young Adult Group

Young adults are invited to join us on Zoom today at noon. We seek to be a refuge for those who are spiritually hungry and looking for meaningful connection rooted in our faith tradition. Contact Rev. Rex Childs at rexc@fpcnaples.org for additional information or if you require the Zoom link.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, April 30 following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. The purposes of the meeting are 1) to receive the 2022 Annual Report, 2) to receive the report of the Nominating Committee that Don Grandi be elected as elder in the class of 2023 and Sue Shenk as deacon in the class of 2025, and 3) to elect the Nominating Committee for 2023-2024.

News & Events

Cuba Ministry

Do you have any large suitcases you'd like to donate? We are heading to Cuba in May and will be taking many items for our partner church with us in suitcases that will stay in Cuba. If you would like to send your unwanted, large suitcase on a one-way trip adventure, contact Pat Nordbrock at patnordbrock@gmail.com with details, and we'll see if we can take it off your hands!

The Palms Society

Family Love Letter, is an informal session that will be led by Linda Gadkowski, Certified Financial Planner™ Professional, and Amy Manley, Certified Financial Planner™ Professional, Financial Advisor. No one wants to be a burden on their loved ones. Join us to find out how to be organized and ready for the unexpected. We will also talk about how to be prepared to handle the hurdles of the first year of being a widow/widower or being alone. The session will be held on Sunday, April 30, following the 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. services. Please e-mail or call Amy Manley to register, aag34@icloud.com or 239.272.6821.

Presbyterian Women's May Gathering

Make your reservations today in Spencer Hall for the Presbyterian Women's Gathering on Wednesday, May 3 at noon. We will enjoy lunch (\$10) followed by a program that will pull together both the PW Circle Study and the WOW study on "Sabbath." Participation in either of these two groups is not needed to attend this program. All women are welcome to join us for lunch, fellowship, and a time to glean some tips regarding Sabbath practices. Questions? Contact Carolyn Bennett at cjosmith341@gmail.com.

Weekly Bible Studies

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.

HUDDLE - A Men's Bible Discussion Group

All men are invited and encouraged to gather 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 for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

Giving Opportunities

Kiss or Cookie

Today following each of the worship services, we will have the opportunity to buy a KISS (chocolate) or COOKIE (Genuine Girl Scout Thin Mints) to christen the launching of the Narthex Renovation & Summer Projects Campaign for our renovation projects this summer. So, bring your extra dollars to enjoy these treats and contribute to renovation. It will be sweet!

144 Fundraiser for Montreat

This summer seven youth and four adults will travel to Montreat, NC to join others for a life-changing, week-long conference. We continue the 144 Fundraiser in Spencer Hall to help fund this trip. There are 63 of the original 144 envelopes remaining! We ask you to choose one or more envelopes and by doing so, you agree to contribute the amount on the envelope. Please prayerfully consider being part of this opportunity to support our youth and young adults. If you prefer, donations may be made online at www.fpcnaples.org/give. Please select "Youth-Montreat" fund.

Growing Together Joyfully

A huge thank you to all of you who have joined us in 'Growing Together Joyfully' and who have turned in your pledges. To date, we have received 233 pledges totaling \$1,219,617. We are truly excited to watch God at work through First Presbyterian Church of Naples!

We are still accepting pledges, so it's not too late to turn one in by placing the card in the offering plate, bringing or mailing it to the church office, or filling in the card online through our website. Please feel free to contact Debbie Savage, Director of Finance, debbies@fpcnaples.org, should you have any questions.

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