

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



May 14, 2023
Mother's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter
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

Aria

PAUL MANZ

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: We open our hearts and minds

People: that we may be filled with the love of God.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*
- 2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*
- 3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
- 4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Because Christ lives, we also live. Through his death and resurrection, we have received life abundant and life eternal. Know that we are forgiven 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*

Commissioning of Cuba Mission Trip Participants

PAT NORDBROCK, AMY MANLEY, SARAH NICHOLS, REV. REX CHILDS

Leader: Do we, members of the First Presbyterian Church of Naples, confirm the call of God to Pat, Amy, Sarah and Rex as ambassadors of our partnership with the Central Reformed Presbyterian Church of Matanzas in the service of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

Leader: Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

All: We will.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

DOUG JENSEN

First Reading

1 Corinthians 13

PEW BIBLE PAGE 934

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

For all the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-7

PEW BIBLE PAGE 966

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Mark 3:31-35

PEW BIBLE PAGE 815

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!"

³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*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

The Gift of Love

ARR. HAL HOPSON

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. 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

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain: *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain.*

3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Minuet Gothique

LÉON BOËLLMANN

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Mike and Rose Kaufman in memory of
Henry C. and Sonia Kaufman, by their children, grandchildren and
friends of First Presbyterian Church
and by
Laurie and Dick Hillebrand in celebration of Melinda Younkin.

Greeters - Darlene Evans, Deb Streamer, Joyce Witt

Ushers - Jack Marsh (head usher), Lucy Koll, Sylvia Marsh, Sarah Nichols,
Joanne and John Slager, Liz and Mark Speake

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	Clarence Grubbs	Sean Pratt	Missionary-Honduras
Daryl Bernhardt	*Larry Hibbett	Sharon Pyle	Dorie Hjalmarson
Joe M. Brady	*Nancy Kay	The Ryan family	Medical Missionary-
*Norm Brown	Samantha Knott	Julia Schoettle	Guatemala
*Juanita Bunker	*Jim Ledinsky	Kristin Wharton	*Dr. Mark Speake
*Marjorie Cashion	Nicholas Machinga		
Kerin Clark	*Eileen Malstrom	*church member	
*Norma Dallessandro	Sue McCormack		Central Presbyterian
*Pam Fisher	Riley Miskell		Reformed Church
Todd Fisher	Kent Morse	The U.S. Military	Matanzas, Cuba
*George Goodnight	Gretchen Moser	Stephen Ministers/care	
*Margaret Green	Al Nadel	receivers	

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.

Kidz Lab

Children, ages 4 - grade 5, are invited to join us for Kidz Lab after the Children's Time today. Parents can pick up their children in the Youth Room after the service. All children are invited to join us as we work on a special project for their mothers and grandmothers.

Summer Choir

As we return to one worship service, we begin our summer choir schedule. Our choir will rehearse each Sunday morning from 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. in the choir room to prepare for the 9:30 a.m. service. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us! If you have any questions or would like more information about the Chancel Choir, please contact Dr. Brice Gerlach at briceg@fpcnaples.org.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

The next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17. The presentations are a continuation of the topic "The Aging Process: Are We Prepared?" and looking at the roles of friends and family. We begin with coffee and pastry and some informal social/sharing time. Participants will then have an opportunity to share their thoughts and responses to questions. For questions, contact Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net. You may also join us online via Zoom.

Seekers and Joiners Class

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our warm and friendly church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. A Seekers and Joiners class will be held on Sunday, May 21, 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 Sandy Knight at sandyk@fpcnaples.org.

Graduation Milestone

Graduation Milestone will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21. Join us as we celebrate graduates from VPK, grades 5, 8 or 12 and college. Contact Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org if you have a child or grandchild that is graduating.

News & Events

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.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPCN single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. Sign up in Spencer Hall after the service.

Chancel Flowers

Do you have a special event coming up? Would you like to remember a loved one who has passed? Do you know of someone celebrating a special birthday but don't know what to get them? How about dedicating flowers to the church in memory or honor of them? It's easy to do. Just call the church office with the date you would like to remember your loved one and a dedication will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. There are several dates available. The cost is \$85 per dedication and can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please be sure to include 'flowers' in the memo section of your check. Or you may give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

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

Feed the 5,000

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of The Shelter for Abused Women and Children. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and may be placed in the collection plate or made online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Narthex Renovation and Summer Projects Campaign

We are thrilled to announce that we have received \$170,574 in commitments and payments from a total of 44 families. These projects are outside the scope of our annual operating budget, so if you have pledged for 2023, we hope that your heart will be stirred to consider this additional campaign and to make an additional gift. Please contact Debbie Savage, Director of Finance, debbies@fpcnaples.org, with any questions.

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 244 pledges totaling \$1,266,942. 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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