

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



The Ascension of Christ, by Hans von Klumbach, 1513

May 21, 2023
Ascension Sunday
Graduation Milestone
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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ARR. DIANE BISH

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: *The Lord is risen indeed!*

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

People: *His name is above all names.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*
- 2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*
- 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*
- 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope and joy, of resurrection and ascension, we confess that we continue to live in anxiety and fear. While Jesus was on earth, we dismissed him as a heavenly dreamer. Now that he reigns in heaven we forget that he is Lord of all the earth. Forgive us God of grace. Be the sovereign of our lives and make us always ready to welcome your return in glory. And in the meantime, give us strength and courage to follow you and fill us with your love even this day, even now.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are reconciled to God. Now receive your forgiveness and be reconciled one to another.

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*

Prayer for Graduates

All: God of Creation, you have promised to be with us always. May our children, youth, and young adults continually be reminded of that truth as they enter a new period of life and faith. Guide them with your love as they move into the future you are preparing for them. Amen!

Commissioning of Montreat Participants

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

KAREN PARKER

First Reading

John 17:1-11

PEW BIBLE PAGE 879

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Second Reading

Acts 1:6-14

PEW BIBLE PAGE 884

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Fond Farewell

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

ARR. BENJAMIN HARRISON

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how; though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were over, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore!"

*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 #299 ***You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

HANOVER

- 1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.*
- 2. Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*
- 3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*
- 4. Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

ARR. PAUL MANZ

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by
Roni Haggart and Chuck Work in honor of their children and grandchildren
and by
Cheryl Myers in loving memory of Jon Myers.

Greeters - Karen Parker, Barbara and Roger Simons, Deb Streamer

Ushers - Bill Kearney (head usher), Ned Camuti, Roni Haggart and Chuck Work,
Sharlene Kearney, Dottie Morse, Kathy Norgart, Patty Rutzler, Kitty Wildman

College Graduates

Joseph Cornell, Hope College (grandson of Joe Johnston); Wyatt Focht, Duke University (son of Anna Focht); Mattie Claire Hanley, East Tennessee University (daughter of Amy Manley; Meghan Kennedy, St. Leo University (FPC Preschool graduate and daughter of Colleen Kennedy, preschool teacher)

High School Graduates

Grace Austin, Naples High School; Danny Casagrande, Naples High School (FPC Preschool graduate); Maryn Coine, Gulf Coast High School; Jake Finman, Naples High School (FPC Preschool graduate); Vanessa Giraldo-Castano, Naples High School; Caitlin Hancock, Gulf Coast High School; Seth Houk, Estero High School; Jayden Schembri, Naples High School (FPC Preschool graduate); Sarah McNight Welzbacher, Naples High School (FPC Preschool graduate)

Middle School Graduates

Molly Finn, Gulfview Middle School; Ryan Sherry, Pine Ridge Middle School

Elementary School Graduates

Peyton Gibbs, Royal Palm Academy; Cole Mitchell, Seagate Elementary (FPC Preschool graduate)

Preschool School Graduates

Landon Helenek, FPC Preschool

Montreat Participants

Maryn Coine, Vanessa Giraldo-Castano, Emmanuel Giraldo-Castano, Ashley Hancock, Caitlin Hancock, Nathan Owens, Code Hatcher Peters, Ryan Sherry, Gay and Tim Stover, Nancy Van Fleet, Sarah McNight Welzbacher

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

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.

Reception for Graduates

Please join us during Fellowship time in Spencer Hall for a reception honoring our graduates.

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 this morning in the Parlor following the worship service. Information packets are available at the exit doors or in the Parlor.

FPCN mugs for sale

The Membership Committee is pleased to offer you an opportunity to purchase a First Presbyterian Church mug. These beautiful blue ceramic mugs are a generous 12 oz., have a large handle and feature our logo and mission statement. The cost is only \$10 and proceeds will be given to the Power Pak program of the Missions Committee. Visit the table in Spencer Hall on Sunday mornings to purchase one or more mugs!

Summer Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearses 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, Director of Music..

Helping Hands Ministry

The Helping Hands Ministry of the PW includes the Sew and Sews and the Prayer Shawlers groups. Join them on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 204 of the Mase Education Center. The Sew and Sews have challenged themselves to make a quilt for each family as a "house warming gift" when they move into their new home at the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance project. Anyone that knits or crochets is welcome to join, or get a prayer shawl pattern and work at home. For more information, please contact Gail Clark at 239.331.3312.

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.

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 payment can be made by check (with a memo of 'flowers'), or you may pay 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, A/V Technician, for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

Giving Opportunities

Narthex Renovation and Summer Projects Campaign

We are thrilled to announce that we have received \$184,434 in commitments and payments from a total of 50 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, 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 248 pledges totaling \$1,269,992. 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, should you have any questions.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NAPLES

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April 30, 2023

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	YTD Actuals 2023	YTD Budget 2023	YTD Actuals vs. Budget
Income			
Offerings	566,718	700,000	(133,282)
Preschool	156,473	129,006	27,466
Other	13,505	8,010	5,495
Budgeted Endowment Transfers	0	100,000	(100,000)
Total Income	736,696	937,016	(200,321)
Total Expenses	824,881	931,818	(106,938)
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(88,185)	5,198	(93,383)

Staff

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Facilities			
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Preschool			
Ashley Houk, Preschool Director		2009	ashleyh@fpcnaples.org
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Graduation Milestones



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