

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



*I Am Sayings, Thomas Ingmire*

**May 7, 2023**  
**Fifth 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

**Nocturne No. 20 in C Sharp Minor**  
Vanessa Giraldo, piano

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

## THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

## SERVICE OF PREPARATION

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come together as the church;

**People: *Not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual house.***

Leader: God redeems us, joins us together, and builds us up.

**People: *We will be the living stones that shout praise even when others are silent.***

**All: *Let us worship God!***

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

\*Hymn of Praise #248

***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

HYMN TO JOY

- Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*
- Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*
- Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Gracious and ever living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. We are foolish and slow to believe the promise of the prophets and the promise that you have prepared a place for us. We are frightened and full of worry, even when you stand among us. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our hearts to receive and trust your word that nothing in life or in death can separate us from your love. Feed us today with the bread of life, the life that death cannot destroy. Renew us with your faith, hope and love through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends hear and believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Receive your forgiveness in Him 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*

**THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

MIA STURZENEGGER

First Reading

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. <sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, <sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Response

**Fourfold Amen**

I. L. JENNINGS

Second Reading

John 14:1-14

PEW BIBLE PAGE 877

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Place Prepared**

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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... 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.***

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*How Beautiful*

TWILA PARIS

\*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 and Blessing

## TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*Communion Hymn #500

***Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread***

ST. FLAVIAN

- 1. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.*
- 2. Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.*

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 Music

***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Just As I Am, Without One Plea***

ARR. DALE WOOD

ARR. WOOD

Prayer of Blessing

## GOING FORTH

\*Hymn of Commitment #239

***Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!***

GELOBT SEI GOTT

- 1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 2. The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.  
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

***Toccata in Seven***

JOHN RUTTER



### **Guest Musician**

Vanessa Giraldo is a senior at Naples High School and has been playing piano since she was 5 years old. She is a part of the youth group and will be attending Montreat this summer for their youth conference. In the fall she plans to continue her education at the University of Richmond minoring in piano performance.

### **Flower Dedication**

The Chancel flowers are given by Janie Brown Casassa, in loving memory of her parents, Elise and Leon Brady and by Heather Buck, in loving memory of David L. Brooke.

**Greeters** - Mary Armstrong, Deb Streamer, Joyce Witt

**Ushers** - Richard Beach (head usher), Barbara Beach, Carolyn and Michael Bennett, Dorothy Gomori, Audrey Smith and Doug Gibbens, Jane and Tom Woodruff

### **In Sympathy**

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of two of our members.

Robert "Bob" Fultz died on May 4, 2023.  
Please keep his wife Judy, and family in your prayers.

Paul Corwith died on May 3, 2023.  
Please keep his family in your prayers.

### **Staff Appreciation Sunday**

Today we are holding our annual Staff Appreciation Sunday. All staff from the Church and Preschool will be acknowledged during the service. Following the service, you are invited to remain and honor those staff members who are celebrating 5 years of service to the church. Afterwards, please join the celebrants in Spencer Hall for a reception. A table will be set up with cards for you to write a note of gratitude to our honorees.



**Rev. Rex Childs**  
Associate Pastor



**Nancy Van Fleet**  
Director of Children and  
Youth Ministries



**Lisa Ethier**  
Custodian



**Eduardo Martinez**  
Maintenance

## 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	Nicholas Machinga	Missionary-Honduras
Daryl Berhardy	Clarence Grubbs	Patricia Perrin	Dorie Hjalmarson
Joe M. Brady	*Larry Hibbett	Sean Pratt	
*Norm Brown	Bonnie James	Sharon Pyle	Medical Missionary-
*Juanita Bunker	*Nancy Kay	Julia Schoettle	Guatemala
*Marjorie Cashion	Samantha Knott	Mary Sherlock	*Dr. Mark Speake
Kerin Clark	*Jim Ledinsky	Kristin Wharton	
*Norma Dallessandro	*Eileen Malstrom		Central Presbyterian
*Pam Fisher	*Marge Martin	*church member	Reformed Church
Todd Fisher	Brenda McKinney	The U.S. Military	Matanzas, Cuba
Patricio Gilchrist	Riley Miskell	Stephen Ministers/care	
*George Goodnight	Kent Morse	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](mailto: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.

### GenWE Sunday—the first Sunday of each month

These special Sundays encourage us to gather across generations to worship together. Nursery care is available for our children in preschool and younger and there is also a Wiggle Room adjacent to the sanctuary for those who want to watch the service live while their children have a place to play. We have worship boxes for all our children to help parents guide their children through the service in an interactive way. Please ask an usher for one.

Please join us in Spencer Hall for breakfast following worship— a time to connect across generations. In this time, we will also briefly share one of the aspects of our Growing Young initiative. We will also have a special craft there for those who would like to participate.

### Significant Adults

A Significant Adult Workshop will be held today after the breakfast in the youth room. Significant Adults, a term coined by Fuller Youth Institute, are those adults who have made a commitment to walk with our youth and young adults in their faith journey. If you want to know more about this ministry, please contact Nancy Van Fleet at [nancyv@fpcnaples.org](mailto:nancyv@fpcnaples.org).

### 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](mailto:briceg@fpcnaples.org).

### Helping Hands Ministry

The Helping Hands Ministry of the PW includes the Sew and Sews and the Prayer Shawls groups. Join them on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (May 10 and 24) 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.

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### **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. Contact Bill Kearney at [skearney239@comcast.net](mailto:skearney239@comcast.net) if you have a comment or questions. 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 dynamic 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 Pat Nordbrock at [patn@fpcnaples.org](mailto:patn@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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Ushers will hand out food lists following the service today. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance next Sunday. 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](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

### **Deacons Fund Sunday**

Deacons Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the Deacons' partners in their important local outreach. 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](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

### **Narthex Renovation and Summer Projects Campaign**

We are thrilled to announce that we have received \$168,574 in commitments and payments from a total of 42 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](mailto: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 242 pledges totaling \$1,258,442. 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](mailto:debbies@fpcnaples.org), should you have any questions.

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