

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022
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

I Love to Tell the Story

ARR. EMMA LOU DIEMER

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. REX CHILDS

*Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord,

People: for God is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: From east and west, from north and south,

People: we gather to offer praises to God.

Leader: For he satisfies the thirsty,

People: and the hungry he fills with good things.

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!*

Refrain: *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! Refrain*
3. *Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! Refrain*
4. *Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! Refrain*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our own. We live relying on our own strength rather than depending on yours. You call us to new places, but we prefer the comfort of familiar surroundings. You teach us to share and give generously but we seek after the safety and security of possessions and wealth. Forgive us, O God. Turn us back to your way. Help us to store up treasures in heaven and not on earth that we would be rich towards you.

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 we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: 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

CINDY ESLER

First Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

PEW BIBLE PAGE 737

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Amazing Grace

SETTING BY JOHN NESS BECK

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come: 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun. Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, and grace will lead me home.

Second Reading

Luke 12:13-21

PEW BIBLE PAGE 847

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Being Rich

REV. MELANA SCRUGGS

*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 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

***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

1. *Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*
2. *Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found..*
3. *Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

Postlude

Prelude in B Major

MARCEL DUPRE



Welcome Rev. Melana Scruggs

The Rev. Melana Scruggs grew up in Tampa and is a graduate of the University of Florida and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has served churches in Oklahoma, Florida, and Missouri and was the co-executive presbyter and Stated Clerk in John Calvin Presbytery. She has served as General Presbyter of Peace River Presbytery since November 2019. She lives in Babcock Ranch with her husband.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Ned Camuti, Shirley Hagerson, Sharlene Kearney, Sarah Nichols, Dottie Morse

Greeters

Pam Fisher, Karen Parker, Gay Stover and Deb Streamer

Flower Dedications

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Bob Esler, wonderful husband, father and grandfather by Cindy Esler.

In Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Oleta Davis, who died on May 17, 2022. Services were held in Virginia. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Care Bear Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to those who helped feed the Care Bear! This month we raised \$530.25. The Care Bear 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. Even though school is not in session, we are still collecting for the fund so we may purchase supplies once school begins next month. Contributions to the Power Pak program may also be made online at www.fpcnaples.org/give. Please select Mission-Power Pak Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

Bring your Bible and join the Women's Bible Study each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. No homework is required. For more information please contact Janeen McClure, jmc@airmcclure.com.

HUDDLE

All men are invited to join HUDDLE, a Men's Bible Study that meets each Thursday at noon in Spencer Hall. Bring your lunch and Bible as we fellowship together and study God's word. If you prefer to Zoom, please contact David Fister, Audio Visual Technician, for the Zoom link at davidf@fpcnaples.org or 239.262.1311 ext. 2044.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

The Wednesday Morning Men will meet informally on August 3 and August 17 at Blueberry's Restaurant, 3350 Tamiami Trail/Route 41 North at 8 a.m. for breakfast and good conversation. Please let Bill Kearney know if you plan to attend at skearney239@comcast.net or at 239.348.2871.

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, August 28 following the 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 of First Presbyterian Church of Naples. Informational packets will be available at the class or you may pick one up at the exit doors or the Welcome Table in Spencer Hall. You may register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Sandy Knight at sandyk@fpcnaples.org.

Hospital Ministry

The Naples Community Hospital is currently in the process of implementing a new computer system and is unable to provide names of parishioners who may be hospitalized. If you are admitted to the hospital or know of someone who is, please let us know so that we may offer caring ministry. Please contact Sandy Knight, at sandyk@fpcnaples.org or 239.262.1311.

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

Several dates are available if you would like to dedicate chancel flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. It's easy to do. Just sign up in Spencer Hall or call the church office with the date you would like and a dedication announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. The cost is \$65 per dedication and you may make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with "sanctuary flowers" marked in the memo. You may also give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Sew & Sews Stamp Collection

The Sew and Sews/Presbyterian Women continue with their ministry of collecting stamps and sending them in to Stamp Alliance Ministry. These stamps are sold and monies collected are used to purchase Sunday School materials for Spanish speaking children nationally and internationally. Stamps can be trimmed leaving approximately 1/4" around the stamp. A collection box is located in Spencer Hall.

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.

Jenn Abbott
* Linda Arsenault
Darryl Bernhardt
* Bill Crawford
*Joan Eisenhauer
* Pam Fisher
Spencer Frantz
Jeff Gatt
* Don Herring
Dave Holloway
Carol Hooper
Jim Kelley
Karl Krushelnick
Edison Martinez
* Gene McCree
Kent Morse

Ralph Moser
Sophia Muñoz
Justin Shapiro
* Helen Spina
Joanne Taillele
Linda and Scott Thorton
* Corbin Wyant
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

* church member

Medical Missionary (Guatemala)
* Mark Speake
Missionary (Honduras)
Dorie Hjalmarson

Central Presbyterian Reformed
Church (Matanzas, Cuba)
Marilyn Bello, Jazmin
Martínez, Walkiria Rodríguez,
Patria Gonzalez and family,
Leydis Santana, retired
pastors Miguel Pérez, Ofelia
Ortega, Daniel Montoya, and
for the lack of medicine they
are facing.

Children & Youth and Preschool

Funday School

We experience God's love through friendship and fun. All children meet each Sunday in the Youth Room, located on the second floor of the Mase Christian Education Center, during the service. Bring your friends to join in on the fun! Today we enjoy an end of summer celebration!

Back to School Blessing

We welcome everyone to join us on Sunday, August 7 at 9:30 a.m. for our Back to School Blessing! Following the service all are welcome to an Open House in the Youth Room for a light brunch. Children will be able to decorate a water bottle for the new school year!

Preschool Open Houses

Meet your child's teachers and see their classroom. Learn about class offerings as well as topics for this year. We hope to see you on Monday, August 8 and Tuesday, August 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information please contact the Preschool office at 239.262.8315.

2022-2023 VPK Enrollment

First Presbyterian Preschool is enrolling for 2022-2023 and space is available in our VPK program. We invite you to visit our website at www.fppnaples.org to explore our curriculum and programming opportunities. Tours and enrollment information are available by contacting the Preschool Office at 239.262.8315.

Giving Opportunities

Summer Giving

Summer is here, which for many of us, means time away from Naples and church. Wherever you may be, we hope it is for you a time of rest, renewal and encouragement. We would also encourage you, if and when you are able, to continue to make your contributions to the church and to make payments on your pledges. Although the pace slows down, our ministry and expenses continue. We are always grateful for your financial commitment and prayerful support. Remember that you can give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give and you can setup recurring gifts if you desire. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Savage, Director of Finance, at 239.262.1311 extension 2042 or debbies@fpcnaples.org.

Staff Listing

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Preschool			
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Elders

Class of 2022

Carleton Cleveland
Deborah Meeson-Vige
Rich Peterson
Patty Rutzler
Janice Witman

Class of 2023

Teresa Doane
Fran Engelhardt
Linda Gadkowski
Roni Haggart
Bill Kearney

Class of 2024

Steve Barwick
Doug Jensen
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Saralene Oldham
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