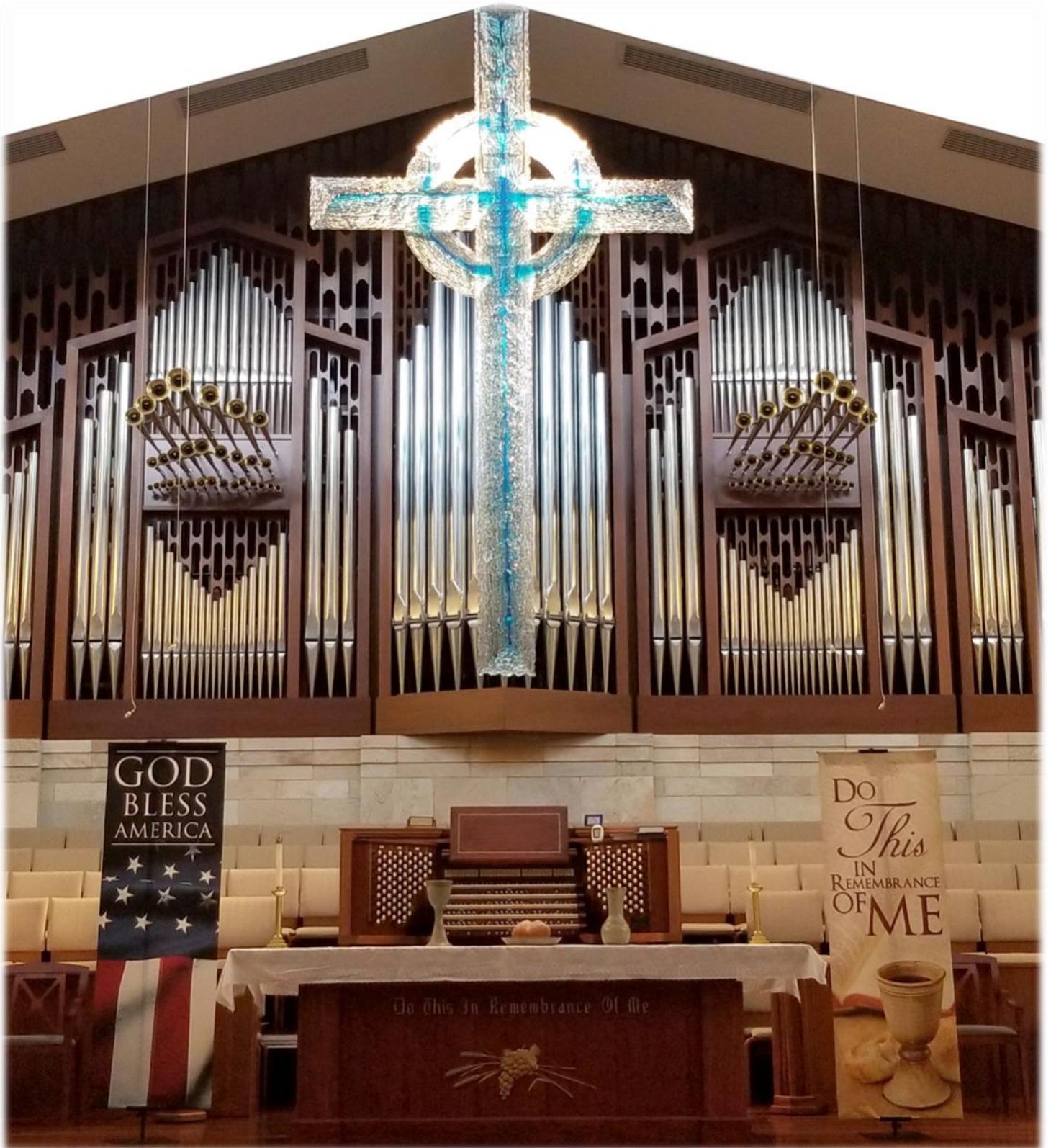


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**July 4, 2021
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
LITURGY**

*Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.*

The Prelude

America, the Beautiful
Diego Davila, piano

ARR. JOEL RANEY

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Welcome and Life Together

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

- God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*
- Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*
- From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*
- Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

Call to Confession

Siblings in Christ, remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive God's mercy. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world: when we choose selfishness over compassion; what feels comfortable rather than what is right; when we strive for success instead of faithfulness. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! God's grace is sufficient for us and the power of Christ dwells within us. Through Jesus, we have been forgiven. Receive God's 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!

** Please stand if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

BARBARA WEISS

Gracious and loving God, we ask that now by the power and illumination of the Holy Spirit you would open our ears to hear, our eyes to see and our hearts and minds to receive your word for us today. In Jesus Name. Amen.

First Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Our first reading this morning comes from Second Corinthians, chapter 12. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the Nations!

SILESIA FOLK SONG

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Almighty God of creation! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore. Amen.

Second Reading

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Paradox of Power

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*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

God Bless America

ARR. ROY RINGWALD

God bless America, land that I love; stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam: God bless America, my home sweet home.

*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

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain.

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 cups are available when exiting the Sanctuary.*

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

1. *O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*
2. *O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*
3. *O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Diego Davila, piano

ARR. MARK HAYES

Offering

Offering boxes and baskets are located near the exit doors.
You may also submit your offering by mail or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

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 of Naples.

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Tom and Gail Clark, Cindy Esler,
Lucy Koll, Sylvia Marsh, Bill Morgan

Greeters

Bill Kearney, Harry and Deborah Streamer

Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Prayer List

Darryl Bernhardt
Megan Ford
Giraldo-Castano Family
*Ron Malstrom
*Stephen McClure
Scott McCullough
Sophia Munoz
Dominique O'Connell
Miriam Panitch

*Ilagene Ruff
*Barbara Swallen
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens
Tony Voigt
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

* church member

Missionary (Honduras)
Dorie Hjalmarson
Central Presbyterian
Reformed Church
(Matanzas, Cuba)
Lucia Bacallao
Walkiria Cardenas
Barbara Cuellar
Josefa de la Osa
Roberto Rodriguez
Gladys Tejeira

News & Events

Session Update

- Masks are no longer required for in-person worship if you have been vaccinated and have adhered to the two week waiting period following your vaccine. This protocol also pertains to children of all ages.
- Effective immediately, social distancing will be discontinued and fellowship time will resume following worship in Spencer Hall.
- Due to the improved numbers of those vaccinated and the decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases reported in Collier County, it was determined that the Reopening Task Force has completed its work and were dismissed from their duties. Decisions moving forward will be made by the staff and standing committees of the church.

Children in Worship

As we welcome our children back to our Sunday worship experience, please know that all in-person Kidz Lab and childcare will resume in the fall (subject to change). Activity bags are available for your children by the Sanctuary entrances.

Vacation Bible School Sundays

Changing the World with Lovingkindness - VBS for children ages entering K through grade 6. Compassion Camp is a program where kids and families explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves and the earth. Dates: Sundays through July 18, 11–11:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Each day we will explore themes of compassion as they relate to each session's scripture. Lovingkindness is the utmost form of selfless love toward ourselves, others, and the earth. To receive your amazing Compassion Camp goody box RSVP to ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org.

July 4 - Admiral Amazing - Luke 10:25-37

July 11 - Difference is a God Thing - Acts 2:1-13, 42-47

July 18 - Christian Greetings - Romans 16:1-16

HUDDLE

We welcome back to Spencer Hall the men's HUDDLE noon-time Bible Study. This will be a hybrid meeting, meaning that you will be able to join them in person or via Zoom. All men are invited to join on Thursday's at noon. Bring your Bible and your lunch! Join them for discussion and study. For Zoom instructions contact Rev. Rex Childs, rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Membership at First Presbyterian Church

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. Please contact either Rev. Craig Goodrich, craigg@fpcnaples.org or Rev. Rex Childs, rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Giving Opportunities

Deacons Fund Sunday

Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. 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.

Summer Giving

Summer is in full swing 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. This will help greatly with our cash flow. Although the pace slows down, our ministry and expenses continue. We continue to be 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 please contact Anna Focht, Director of Finance.

The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder. G.K. Chesterton

If you feel gratitude toward First Presbyterian Church and would like to remember your church in your estate planning please contact Linda Gadkowski, 508.292.5500 or Anna Focht, Director of Finance, 239.262.1311.

Looking Ahead to our Future

We would be honored if you would consider making a gift to help us reach our goals for these projects!

Pew Seat Cushions – Donated: \$46,236 - Campaign goal: \$50,000

Playground – Donated: \$64,070 - Campaign goal: \$82,000

Please designate your gift amount to either Playground, Pew Seat, or both. You may give by check or give online at www.fpcnaples.org. Checks may be mailed directly to the church office.

Engraved Brick Pavers for Preschool

Engraved brick pavers provide you with a unique way to honor your family or memorialize your loved ones and can now be purchased on the church's website, www.fpcnaples.org/give, and are available in two sizes. 8x8 pavers are \$250, 12x12 pavers are \$425 and will be installed during the installation of the new playground equipment this summer.

Ways to GIVE



**Sunday
Worship**



Online



Mail

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
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Saralene Oldham	Patty Rutzler	Roni Haggart
Barbara Weiss	Janice Witman	Bill Kearney

DEACONS

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Jean Kasten	Barbara Beach	Pat Collins
Les Kasten	Richard Beach	Charles Fraley
Gary Nordbrock	Cindy Esler	Tedi Fraley
Betty Plum	Audrey Gordon	Nancy Kier
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Janet Root	Roy Parker	Eileen Malstrom
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