

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 14, 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

**Simple Gifts**

ARR. VIRGIL FOX

**THE TIME OF GATHERING**

REV. REX CHILDS

\*Call to Worship

Leader: By faith the people passed through the Red Sea.

**People: *By faith the walls of Jericho fell.***

Leader: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

**People: *Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.***

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**People: *Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.***

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

**A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

\*Hymn of Praise #667

***When Morning Gilds the Skies***

LAUDES DOMINI

- 1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

**All: *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!***

Children's Time

NANCY VAN FLEET

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

BETTY PLUM

First Reading

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

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Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!<sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;<sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.<sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?<sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.<sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,<sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted.<sup>16</sup> They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.<sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.<sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

***In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful***

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.<sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***Dangers, Toils & Snares***

REV. REX CHILDS

\*The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

***Guide My Feet, Lord***

ARR. JOHN CARTER

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain. Hold my hand, Lord while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain. Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

\*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

\*Hymn of Commitment #649

***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound***

AMAZING GRACE

- 1. 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.*
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*
- 5. 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.*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

***Tocatta on "Amazing Grace"***

J. CHRISTOPHER PARDINI

**Ushers**

Jack Marsh (head usher), Cindy Esler, Doug Jensen, Lucy Koll,  
Sarah Nichols, Steve and Caryn Yarbrough

**Greeters**

Pat Collins, Dorothy Gomori, Charlie and Vicki Jessopp

**Flower Dedication**

The Chancel flowers are given in honor of Dr. Brice Gerlach  
upon the return of his sabbatical.

**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  
Giraldo-Castano Family  
\*Nancy Goodrich  
\* Don Herring  
Dave Holloway  
Carol Hooper  
Beth Lippincott  
\*Eileen Malstrom  
Edison Martinez

\* Gene McCree  
Kent Morse  
Sophia Muñoz  
Matthew Phillip  
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 & Young Adults

For information on any of the following Children, Youth and Young Adult gatherings, please contact either Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at [nancyv@fpcnaples.org](mailto:nancyv@fpcnaples.org) or Ashley Hancock, Christian Education Assistant at [ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org](mailto:ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org) or call 239.262.1311.

### Wiggle Room and Nursery

Families with young children are welcome to use the Wiggle Room located outside the Sanctuary. There is also a Nursery located upstairs in the Mase Christian Education Center where you will be able to enjoy the church service via live stream while your kids play in our spacious and toy-filled nursery.

### KidzLab

Kidz Lab, our Sunday School, meets after the Children's Time in the Youth Room, located on the second floor of the Mase Christian Education Center. Children in grades Kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to this faith formation journey based on the weekly lectionary choices. Children in Kidz Lab engage with the same lessons that their parents hear in church, which encourages family conversations after the service. Parents may pick up their children following the worship service in the Youth Room.

### Youth Group is Back!

Youth Group for all students in grades 6 - 12 begins Wednesday, September 7. We will meet in the Youth Room from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

### Young Adults

Young Adult Group begins Sunday, September 25 at 12 noon on Zoom and in person. We seek to be a refuge for those who are spiritually hungry and looking for meaningful connection rooted in our faith tradition.

## News & Events

### Feed the 5,000

This month our contributions will benefit Grace Place of Naples. Grace Place is a faith-based community center, teaching literacy, language, and life skills to at-risk children and impoverished families. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and place in the collection plate. You may also give online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give). Select "Feed 5,000" from the fund selection list.

### Women's Ministry Bible Study

Bring your Bible and join the Women's Bible Study each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. For more information please contact Janeen McClure, [jrmc@airmcclure.com](mailto:jrmc@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](mailto:davidf@fpcnaples.org) or 239.262.1311 ext. 2044.

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### **Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship**

The Wednesday Morning Men will meet informally on 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](mailto:skearney239@comcast.net) or 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 in 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](mailto:sandyk@fpcnaples.org).

### **Cell Phone Collection**

Calling all old cell phones! The Shelter for Abused Women and Children is accepting donations of old cell phones. They will remove the sim cards and reset the phones for 911 use. The phones are then distributed to women for their use in emergencies. Phones can be brought to the Missions table on Sundays or donated in the church office during the week. Thank you for helping those with emergency and safety needs.

### **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](mailto:sandyk@fpcnaples.org) or 239.262.1311.

### **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](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

### **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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:debbies@fpcnaples.org).

## Staff Listing

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## Elders

### Class of 2022

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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  
Jim Mahon  
Saralene Oldham  
Barbara Weiss

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