

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 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

Fantasy in G

J. S. BACH

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*Call to Worship

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

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me

People: let us go into the house of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1. *O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*
2. *The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*
3. *Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*
4. *My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*
5. *To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to provide hospitality to strangers or remember those in prison. We seek after riches rather than being content with what we have. We desire to sit in places of honor even though you call us to be present with the lowly. We give with an expectation of return. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience to the way of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole. 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!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

SARALENE OLDHAM

First Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

PEW BIBLE PAGE 979

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

You Must Have That True Religion

SPIRITUAL

ARR. ROLAND CARTER

FGCU Chamber Choir, Dr. Trent Brown, director

Oh, you must have that true religion, you must have your soul converted, you must have that true religion or you can't cross there. Where have you been poor sinner? Where have you been I say? I've been way down to the river of Jordan. No, you can't cross there. Where have you been good Christian? Where have you been so long? I've been way down in the valley for to pray, and I ain't done prayin' yet. Oh, give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.

Second Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

PEW BIBLE PAGE 849

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God's Hospitality Industry

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

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

The Rune of Hospitality

ALF HOUKOM

I saw a stranger yestere'en; I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place; and in the sacred names of the Triune he blessed me and my house, my cattle and my dear ones. And the lark said in her song: Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

*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 #774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART

- 1. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.*
- 2. Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.*
- 3. Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.*
- 4. Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.*
- 5. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!*

*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

PETER J. LUTKIN

Postlude

Toccata in G

THEODORE DUBOIS

Florida Gulf Coast University Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir joins us for worship this morning. The Chamber Choir is a mixed, auditioned ensemble open to all students regardless of major at FGCU and is under the direction of Dr. Trent Brown. They perform often in our area and have also traveled internationally.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Carleton Cleveland, Deborah Meeson-Vige,
Dottie Morse, Chuck Mundt and Kathy Norgart

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Lucy Koll, Mark Owens, Deb Streamer

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Janie Brown Casassa
in loving memory of Paul M. Casassa.

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
Petra Fraley
Spencer Frantz
Jeff Gatt
Giraldo-Castano Family
* Don Herring
Carol Hooper
Tammy Hutchinson
* Jean Kasten
* Larry Krouse
Beth Lippincott

* Eileen Malstrom
Edison Martinez
* Gene McCree
Kent Morse
Sophia Muñoz
Matthew Phillip
* Helen Spina
Joanne Taillele
Robert Van Winkle
* 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 or Ashley Hancock, CE Assistant at 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 children 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. Join us for snacks, games and conversations around what YOU want to do this year. 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 connections rooted in our faith tradition.

News & Events

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 this morning 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.

Guests and Visitors Welcome

We're so glad you joined us in worship this morning. Please visit our Welcome Table in Spencer Hall and don't forget to help yourself to some coffee, punch and cookies served by our Presbyterian Women.

Name Badges

Please remember to wear your name badges to worship and church meetings. There are a lot of new visitors and regular attendees, so please introduce yourself and welcome one another!

Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, August 30. The staff will be participating in their annual planning retreat.

Scheduling Meetings & Events

Please note, as season begins and we return to holding meetings and events at the church, there is the ability to offer a hybrid style meeting which includes in-person and/or the Zoom option. We have limited availability due to space/equipment necessities. Therefore, we will offer this service on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please be sure to schedule ALL meetings, whether in-person, Zoom or hybrid, through Sandy Poore, Director of Facilities, sandyp@fpcnaples.org.

News & Events

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

The Wednesday Morning Men will meet at Blueberry's Café (3350 Tamiami Trail N) at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7. Our kick-off gathering will be on Wednesday, September 21 at 8 a.m. in Spencer Hall. We look forward to your participation if and when you can join us. For more information, questions and comments, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or skearney239@comcast.net.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

The Monday Bible study is taking a short break. We will meet again on Monday, September 12.

HUDDLE

All men are invited to join HUDDLE, a Men's Bible Study that meets each Thursday at noon in Spencer Hall. On September 1, we will begin the study of the Gospel of John. 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

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.

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 \$85 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.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPC single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. Sign up in Spencer Hall after the service.

E-mail communications

In an effort to keep parishioners informed of upcoming events, e-mail blasts are being sent out on a weekly basis. If we do not have your e-mail address or if you are not receiving these notices, please contact Kathleen Law at kathleenl@fpcnaples.org or 262.1311 ext 2013.

Giving Opportunities

Feed the Care Bear

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. 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.

Summer Giving

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. 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 ext. 2042 or debbies@fpcnaples.org.

Staff Listing

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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
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