

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 7, 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

**Prelude in C Major**

J.S. BACH

**THE TIME OF GATHERING**

REV. REX CHILDS

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 85)

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD.

**People: Grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Let us hear what God the LORD will speak,

**People: for he will speak peace to his people.**

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

**People: and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

\*Hymn of Praise #611

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

HYMN TO JOY

1. *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*
2. *All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*
3. *Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of the ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you, but we waver. They believed your promise, but we cling to our own ideas. Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy wherever you may lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! From age to age, from generation to generation, God's mercy never fails. 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!**

## Back to School Blessing/Recognition of Transitions

Leader: When we find ourselves at the intersections of life, we remind ourselves...

**All: God, we know you are with us!**

Leader: As we move to new places and meet new faces, we say...

**All: God, we know you are with us!**

Leader: When we can't decide which way to turn, we say...

**All: God, we know you are with us!**

Leader: Even when we are sure of exactly where you are leading us, we say...

**All: God, we know you are with us!**

Leader: For new schools and new jobs, for new adventures and old friends, for going and growing, for learning and unlearning, for change and sameness, and for all that we will find in between, on this we can depend...

**All: God, we know you are with us!**

Leader: We give thanks to You, God, for being with us every step of the way. Let this refrain be a charge to you to walk boldly into your next season of life assured by God's promises and saying...

**All: God, we know you are with us!**

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

MOLLY FINN

First Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

PEW BIBLE PAGE 977

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

### ***God Is Calling through the Whisper***

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling-can you hear? God is calling-can you hear? God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing: God is calling-and we hear! God is calling-and we hear!

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

<sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***Unfailing Treasure***

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

***Here Is Bread***

ARR. CHRISTOPHER TAMBLING

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us; know his grace, find his peace, feast of Jesus here. In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life for ever. In this moment, by the Spirit Christ is with us here. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us; we'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

\*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 #460

**Break Thou the Bread of Life**

BREAD OF LIFE

1. *Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!*
2. *Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

### 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

**Land of Rest  
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

GERALD NEAR  
DALE WOOD

### Prayer of Blessing

\*Hymn of Commitment #547

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

AR HYD Y NOS

1. *"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*
2. *"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."*
3. *"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

### \*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**Now Thank We All Our God**

DAVID CHERWIEN

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#### Ushers

John Slager (head usher), Lucy Koll, Kathy Norgart, Mark Owens, Joanne Slager

#### Greeters

Barbarann Budd, Pat Collins, Charlie and Vicki Jessopp

#### Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Jay Swallen in loving memory of his wife Barbara.

## 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  
\*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.

## 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 take a Publix bag from an usher as you leave the Sanctuary this morning, and return it with your food gift to the Sixth Street church entrance before the service next Sunday. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with 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.

### Youth Room Open House

Please join us after the service today as we celebrate the renovations that were done in our Youth Room! We will have a light brunch and all the children, youth and young adults will get a water bottle to personalize with stickers!

### 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.

### 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, [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.

### 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 at 239.348.2871.

## 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 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](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 only. 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 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).

## Giving Opportunities

### **Deacons Fund Sunday**

Did you know that communion Sunday is also Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday? Please consider donating to the Deacon Benevolence Fund today using the pink envelopes in the pew racks. Your donation will go directly to one of our Deacons' partners in their important local outreach. You can also give online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

### **The Palms Society—Legacy Giving**

Why Planned Giving? A living legacy. A charitable bequest to your church is a legacy of your stewardship, a thoughtful expression of your gratitude for God's blessings. What a joy to know that part of the worldly goods God helped you accumulate will be returned to your church to carry on His work on earth. To learn more about the Palms Society please contact Linda Gadkowski, [linda.gadkowski@gmail.com](mailto:linda.gadkowski@gmail.com).

### **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).

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### Class of 2024

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