

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PAUL MANZ

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*Call to Worship

Leader: Where can we go from your Spirit?

People: Or where can we flee from your presence?

Leader: Search us, O God and know our hearts.

People: Try us and know our thoughts.

All: Lead us in your way everlasting.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

1. *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*
2. *Praise him for his grace and favor to all people in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.*
3. *Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.*
4. *Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS
NICHOLAS STEWART

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, you are a great and awesome God. We try to follow you but we often fall short. We're sorry for worrying when we should trust you. We're sorry when we love things we shouldn't like money, clothes, and cars. Forgive us when we make mistakes. Forgive us when we don't love you with our whole hearts. Help us to walk in your ways and to do what is right. In Jesus' name we pray.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Jesus welcomes sinners and heaven rejoices when even one sinner repents. 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!

*Indicates all who are able, please stand

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

CINDY ESLER

First Reading

Psalm 139

PEW BIBLE PAGE 503

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you. ¹⁹O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—²⁰those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil! ²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? ²²I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

ARR. ERIC T. MYERS

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-10

PEW BIBLE PAGE 850

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Searchers

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*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

Psalm 139

ALLEN POTE

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through. Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day. Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away? If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there. Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

*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 #442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*
- 2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*
- 3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*
- 4. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

NICOLAS JACQUES LEMMENS

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Doug Jensen, Tim and Gay Stover, Steve and Caryn Yarbrough

Greeters

Lucy Koll, Sarah Nichols, Ali Norris, Karen Parker

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by Patty Rutzler in loving memory of her son, Jay, on what would have been his 50th birthday.

In Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Janis Cummin who died on May 13, 2022. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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
* Don Barry
* Bill Crawford
* Joan Eisenhower
* Pam Fisher
Petra Fraley
Spencer Frantz
Jeff Gatt
Giraldo-Castano Family
* Shirley Hagerson
* Don Herring
* Jean Kasten

* Eileen Malstrom
Edison Martinez
* Gene McCree
Kent Morse
Sophia Muñoz
* Helen Spina
* 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.

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 K through 6 are invited to this faith formation journey based on the weekly lectionary. Parents may pick up their children following worship in the Youth Room.

Youth Group is Back!

Youth Group has begun! Please contact Nancy Van Fleet regarding times and activities.

Young Adult Group (on Zoom) begins October 25 at 12 noon EST. Please contact Nancy Van Fleet with any questions and Zoom link information.

Confirmation 2023

Are you interested in joining the confirmation class of 2023? This class is offered to any student in grades 8 and higher who wish to explore their faith, learn about our denomination and be confirmed in the church. We will have an informational brunch January 15.

News & Events

Deacon Brunch this morning

The Deacons invite you to attend a brunch after the service this morning. This was an annual event prior to COVID, and the deacons are very thankful that we can begin doing it again this year. Please join us!

Feed the 5,000

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of St. Matthew's House. Contributions will be collected today. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and placed in the collection plate or donations may be made online at www.fpcnaples.org/give. Please be sure to select "Feed 5,000" fund.

Guests and Visitors Welcome

We're so glad you joined us in worship this morning. Please visit our Welcome Table in Spencer Hall and join us for the Deacon Brunch.

Chancel Choir

Have you ever listened to our Choir and wished to be a part of it? We always welcome new voices and now is your chance to join us. There are no auditions, however, the ability to read music is helpful. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For additional information please contact Dr. Brice Gerlach at briceg@fpcnaples.org.

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 are able to join us. For more information, questions and comments, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or skearney239@comcast.net.

HUDDLE

All men are invited to join HUDDLE, a Men's Bible Study that meets each Thursday at noon in Spencer Hall. We are currently studying 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.

Women's Ministry Bible Study

All women are welcome to join us each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. Please bring your Bible as we study the Gospel of John. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmclure.com.

News & Events

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.

Share a Meal

We are pleased to offer "Share a Meal" on Friday, October 7. Hosts/Hostesses are asked to welcome attendees into their homes to share a meal for 4, 5, or 6 people. The host will be responsible for furnishing the main entrée and soft drinks. Guests will provide an appetizer, side dish or dessert to accompany the main course. For details or if you would like to host or attend a "Share a Meal" please visit Spencer Hall or contact either Saralene Oldham, soldham@helmsbriscoe.com, 239.643.4703 or Marjorie Cashion 240.483.7535.

Seekers & Joiners Class

If you would like to become a member of this church or if you have questions about the church, we invite you to come to the **Seekers and Joiners Class** on Sunday, September 18 in the Parlor following the worship service. One becomes a member of the church by professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We receive members by a first-time profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another church or by a reaffirmation of faith in Christ. Informational packets will be available at the class or you may pick one up at the exit doors, in Spencer Hall or at the Welcome Table. You may register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Sandy Knight at sandyk@fpcnaples.org.

Nominations for Church Elder and Deacon

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying those among us who might be ready to serve as a Ruling Elder or as a Deacon. We ask each member to prayerfully reflect on whom you believe God is calling to lead us in these two important ministries and to nominate those persons.

The nomination process is fairly simple. If you want to self-nominate and/or nominate another, there is a separate form for Deacon Nominees and Elder Nominees. Each form begins with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order requirements for the specific ordained office. We hope this helps each member understand the sought-after qualities of elders and deacons, as well as the responsibilities held by each office. If you are nominating another, you do not need to seek the nominee's permission. Just nominate them and the Nominating Committee will take it from there!

Nomination forms are available at the exit doors, church office and on our website. One side of the form is for Elder nominations and the other side is for Deacon nominations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Saralene Oldham, Committee Chair, at soldham@helmsbriscoe.com or call 239.514.8254. All nomination forms should be submitted by Monday, September 19. Instructions on how to submit forms are at the bottom of each nomination form.

Giving Opportunities

Power Pak Program

Feed the bear, the Care Bear, that is. He 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.

The Greatest of These: Love Never Ends

Our entire church community is grateful for your continued support and belief in the mission of The First Presbyterian Church of Naples. Your gift has an impact on every aspect of our ministry. As we enter the fourth and final quarter of the year we encourage you to "step out in love" as you fulfill your pledge to help support the many ministries of FPCN.

You may give by using your offering envelopes, the green envelopes in the pews, mailing your contribution to the church, or giving online at www.fpcnaples.org/give. For information or questions regarding your giving, please contact Debbie Savage, Director of Finance at debbies@fpcnaples.org.

Staff Listing

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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
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Saralene Oldham
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