

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 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

**Psalm XIX**

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

**THE TIME OF GATHERING**

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

\*Call to Worship

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

**People: We will be glad and rejoice in it!**

Leader: Praise God in the sanctuary, and in God's mighty firmament.

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

**All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!**

**A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION**

\*Hymn of Praise #299 **You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

HANOVER

- 1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.*
- 2. Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*
- 3. "Salvation to God who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*
- 4. Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

**Prayer of Confession**

***O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. We have turned from your way, seeking after safety and security through our own strength rather than relying in you. We put our trust in wealth, letting it rule our lives. Help us to love you and be devoted to you above all else. Help us to be faithful with the gifts you have entrusted to us. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The one who stands in judgment over us is also our Savior. 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

## Prayer for Illumination

## First Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

PEW BIBLE PAGE 619

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. <sup>19</sup>Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") <sup>20</sup>"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." <sup>21</sup>For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. <sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Response

***There is A Balm in Gilead***

SPIRITUAL

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole: there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

## Second Reading

Luke 16:1-13

PEW BIBLE PAGE 851

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

***In Whose Service?***

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

***I Sing the Almighty Power of God***

ARR. AUSTIN C. LOVELACE

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good. Lord how thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye: if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky. There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from these is never in thy care, and everywhere that man can be, thou, God, art present there.

\*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 #459

***O Word of God Incarnate***

MUNICH

- 1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***
- 2. The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,  
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.***
- 3. O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold  
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;  
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,  
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.***

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**Toccata**

GORDON YOUNG

**Ushers**

Gary Nordbrock (head usher), Ned Camuti, Dorothy Gomori, Bob and Pat MacMinn

**Greeters**

Barbarann Budd, Jack Marsh, Karen Parker, Deb Streamer

**Flower Dedication**

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Gladys Macdonough by her husband Scott.

**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 Eisenhauer

\* Pam Fisher

Spencer Frantz

\* Shirley Hagerson

\* Don Herring

\* Jean Kasten

Ray Kemner

\* Chris King

\* Eileen Malstrom

Edison Martinez

\* Gene McCree

Kent Morse

Kristy Moser

\* Jon Myers

\* Ted Rojhan

\* Janet Root

\* 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, CE Assistant at [ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org](mailto:ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org) or call 239.262.1311.*

### **KidzLab**

Kidz Lab 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 Field Trip – October 5 from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Please join us as we travel to Immokalee to learn about the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance whose mission is to eliminate substandard and overcrowded rental housing for farmworker families and other low and moderate income residents in the area. What does this mean? How is the church helping? How can we make a difference? Cleve Cleveland from our Missions Committee will give us a tour and educate us about this very important work. We will enjoy lunch following the tour. Please RSVP to Ashley Hancock.

## News & Events

### **Feed the 5,000**

Thank you for your generosity! We collected 27 bags of groceries and \$575 for St. Matthew's House food pantry.

### **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 refreshments served by the Presbyterian Women.

### **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** in the Parlor following the worship service today. 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.

### **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](mailto:briceg@fpcnaples.org).

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

We will return to Spencer Hall on Wednesday, September 21 at 8 a.m. Please plan to join us for coffee, pastry and a presentation by Jacque Foust as he shares with us the topic of "Daniel". The presentation will also be available via Zoom. For Zoom link and other information, questions or comments, please contact Bill Kearney at 239.348.2871 or [skearney239@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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@airmcclure.com](mailto:jrmc@airmcclure.com).

## News & Events

### 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](mailto:soldham@helmsbriscoe.com), 239.643.4703 or Marjorie Cashion 240.483.7535.

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

### 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](mailto: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

### The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

Leonardo da Vinci once said, *“I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Being willing is not enough, we must do.”* Have you done your planning and considered the wonderful gifting opportunity to the Palms Society? The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. Please contact Rev. Craig Goodrich, [craigg@fpcnaples.org](mailto:craigg@fpcnaples.org), or Linda Gadkowski, [linda.gadkowski@gmail.com](mailto:linda.gadkowski@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

### 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](http://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](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give). For information or questions regarding your giving, please contact Debbie Savage, Director of Finance at [debbies@fpcnaples.org](mailto:debbies@fpcnaples.org).

## Staff Listing

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## Elders

### Class of 2022

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Deborah Meeson-Vige  
Rich Peterson  
Patty Rutzler  
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### 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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