

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Three things will last forever
— faith, hope, and love —
and the greatest of these is love.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 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

Toccatina for Flutes

PIETRO YON

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, you call each of us to serve you, may we answer,

People: *here I am!*

Leader: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, may we answer,

People: *here I am!*

Leader: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to draw near to you, may we answer,

People: *here I am!*

All: *With joyful hearts, let us worship God.*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*
- 2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*
- 3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*
- 4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Jesus accompanies us on life's journey, offering abundant mercy and bountiful forgiveness along the way. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Indicates all who are able, please stand

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!

Montreat Reflection

CAITLIN HANCOCK

Children's Time

REV. REX CHILDS

Reception of New Members

Presentation of New Members

SARALENE OLDHAM, CLERK OF SESSION

Linda Grove, Michael Simpson, Wendy Simpson

Questions of Members

Question of the Congregation

Elder: Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture these members by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

Prayer

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

AUDREY GORDON

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

PEW BIBLE PAGE 215

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Lead Me, Lord

SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY

Lead me, Lord; lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. Amen.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Labor of Love

NANCY VAN FLEET

*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 God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

How Beautiful

TWILA PARIS

*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 #527

Eat This Bread

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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

***Through it All
We Shall Behold Him***

ANDRAE CROUCH, ARR. FRED BOCK
DOTTIE RAMBO, ARR. BOCK

Prayer of Blessing

*Hymn of Commitment #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*
- 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*
- 4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso (Water Music Suite)

G. F. HANDEL

Ushers

John Slager (head usher), Janie Casassa, Robert and Patricia Mac Minn, Dottie Morse, Joanne Slager

Greeters

Barbarann Budd, Sarah Nichols, Ali Norris, Deb Streamer

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by William Morgan in loving memory of Angela Ramseur Morgan.

In Sympathy

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Krouse who died on August 16, 2022. Please keep his 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

* 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 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.

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. Please contact Nancy Van Fleet with any questions you may have about this journey.

News & Events

Feed the 5,000

This month our donations will help replenish the food pantry of St. Matthew's House. Food bags containing the list of items requested will be handed out following the service today. Contributions will be collected next Sunday. 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 don't forget to help yourself to some coffee, punch and cookies served by our Presbyterian Women.

Deacon Brunch—Sunday, September 11

The Deacons invite you to attend a brunch after the service on Sunday, September 11. This was an annual event prior to COVID, and the deacons are very thankful that we can begin doing it again this year. We hope you will join us.

News & Events

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 will begin their weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7 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.

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.

Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Save the Date

"Share a Meal" on Friday, October 7. More details to follow in future bulletins!

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 to nominate them. 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. 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

Giving Opportunities

Deacons Fund Sunday

Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the Deacons' partners in their important local outreach. Please consider donating to the fund today using the pink envelopes located in the pew racks. You may also donate at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. To learn more about the Palms Society please contact Linda Gadkowski, linda.gadkowski@gmail.com.

Staff Listing

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Preschool			
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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
 Doug Jensen
 Jim Mahon
 Saralene Oldham
 Barbara Weiss

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