

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.
LITURGY BULLETIN

*Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.*

The Prelude

Sarabande (French Suite in G Major, BWV 816)

J. S. BACH

Diego Dávila, piano

THE TIME OF GATHERING

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

Welcome and Life Together

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

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

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Jesus promised, "Come to me. All that are weary, and heavy laden

People: and I will give you rest.

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 forever, 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

Siblings in Christ, we come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. The waters of baptism are a symbol of God's mercy and a sign of our forgiveness. So, trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Restful God, you made us and have drawn us to yourself. You provide for all our needs, yet we desire more. You call us to slow down, but we rush from place to place. You call us to rest, but we are consumed by work. In the busyness of our lives, we forget to make time for you. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to turn to you so that our restless hearts would find rest in you.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand if able*

*Gloria Patri

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

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

RONI HAGGART

Let us Pray: Gracious God, we ask now that by the power of your Holy Spirit, you would open our ears to hear, our eyes to see, and our hearts to receive your word for us today. And on this Lord's Day, we ask that you would give us your Sabbath rest. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 2:1-3

PEW BIBLE PAGE 2

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Threefold Amen

TRADITIONAL

Second Reading

Exodus 20:8-11

PEW BIBLE PAGE 58

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Matthew 11:28-30

PEW BIBLE PAGE 792

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Time to Rest

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Peace Unto You

GILBERT M. MARTIN

Peace unto you when your feet are weary, peace unto you when your path grows dim; peace unto you when you don't see clearly, peace unto you when you find you can't find Him. Peace unto you when your heart is breaking, peace unto you when your spirit cries; peace unto you when your soul is aching, peace unto you when your hope, your last hope dies. Peace unto you when in prayer you're pleading, peace unto you when you cease to roam; peace unto you when in finally seeking peace, you find that you're finally home.

*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 #500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

- 1. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.*
- 2. Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.*

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 cups are available when exiting the Sanctuary.*

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

McAFEE

1. *There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.*

*Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

2. *There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. Refrain.*
3. *There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. Refrain.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

Offering

Offering boxes and baskets are located near the exit doors.
You may also submit your offering by mail or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by William Morgan in loving memory of Angela Ramseur Morgan
and
in loving memory of John Kay by his wife, Nancy and family
and
in loving memory of Doris Norgart from the Castillo Family.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Dottie Morse, Shirley Hagerson, John Slager and Bill Morgan

Greeters

Florence Calyore, Pat Collins, Sandy Nixon, and Chuck Work.

Prayer List

Ebbie Batcher
Darryl Bernhardt
Megan Ford
Gary Giltner
Giraldo-Castano Family
*Russ and Kathleen Maier
Scott McCullough
Dominique O'Connell
Emery Perry

James Seibold
Corey Sheaf
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens
Geoff Wiswell
*Corbin Wyant
The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers and
care receivers

* church member

Missionary (Honduras)
Dorie Hjalmarson
Central Presbyterian
Reformed Church
(Matanzas, Cuba)
Lucia Bacallao
Walkiria Cardenas
Barbara Cuellar
Josefa de la Osa
Roberto Rodriguez
Gladys Tejeira

Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please contact Sharman Pfaus so she can notify the pastor of your hospital stay. Also, please remember let the hospital know that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

Church Directory

The latest directory of members and affiliates can be found at the exits and in Spencer Hall.

Stephen Ministry

Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we have at FPCN. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, have been trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are going through a difficult time. To learn more or to pray with a Stephen Minister contact the church office.

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. As you pray, be especially aware of God calling you to serve! Self-nominations are especially encouraged following the long period of time when we haven't been meeting each other and getting to know each other.

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 exits, church office and on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Weiss, Committee Chair, at bweiss1952@gmail.com or call 239.331.7668. All nomination forms should be submitted by Sunday, September 5. Instructions on how to submit forms are at the bottom of each nomination form.

Session Update

Due to the continued increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Florida and Collier County, the high transmissibility of the Delta Variant, and relying on recent guidance from the CDC, advice from medical experts at Naples Community Hospital, counsel from Peace River Presbytery leaders, and embracing our call to love one another and care for those most vulnerable, your Session took the following actions on Wednesday August 4:

That until further notice,

1. All persons 2 years of age and over will wear masks in the building during worship and meetings onsite, preschool students excepted;
2. Congregational singing with masks be allowed during worship with the exception of the choir;
3. Fellowship Time after worship will continue with the wearing of masks but without food or drinks being served.

Thank you for your prayers, your cooperation and your vigilance. "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10).

For current and accurate information about COVID-19, you may visit the Naples Community Hospital website, www.nchmd.org.

Events

Kidz Lab and Youth Group

Our Kidz Lab (Sunday School) will begin Sunday, September 12 from 11 - 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Kidz Lab is for children in grades K through 5. Youth Group, for students in grades 6 through 12 will begin Wednesday, September 29 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. and will also be held via Zoom. We will be sure to respond under our leadership's direction to when it may be in the best interest of our children and youth to once again meet in person. For Zoom links and more information, please contact Ashley Hancock, ashley.hancock@fpcnaples.org or Nancy Van Fleet, nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

Our topic for September will be the Book of Acts. Please join us via Zoom on Wednesday, September 15 at 8 a.m. with leader Larry Comstock. If you any comments or questions and link information, please contact Bill Kearney, skearney239@comcast.net or Rev. Rex Childs, rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Seekers and Joiners Class

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our dynamic church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. A Seekers and Joiners class will be held on Sunday, September 19, following the worship service in Spencer Hall. Information packets are available at the exit doors. Please register by calling the church office 239.262.1311 or emailing Angie Johnson angiej@fpcnaples.org.

HUDDLE

The men's HUDDLE noon-time Bible Study meets each Thursday at noon in Spencer Hall with a Zoom option. Bring your Bible and your lunch! Join them for discussion and study. For Zoom instructions contact Rev. Rex Childs, rexc@fpcnaples.org.

Giving Opportunities

Deacons Fund Sunday

Deacon Benevolence Fund Sunday is held on Communion Sunday. Your donation will go directly to one of the three Deacons' partners in their important local outreach: The Salvation Army, Helps Outreach and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please consider donating to the Fund today using the pink envelopes located by the offering boxes. 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 Anna Focht, Director of Finance, annaf@fpcnaples.org or Linda Gadkowski, linda.gadkowski@gmail.com.

Playground Campaign

We're excited to add new skill-building items to the playground along with stationary musical instruments. In addition, we will replace the poured rubber absorbent surface under the structure that will ensure safe use by our students for years to come.

Playground - Donated: \$79,400 Campaign goal: \$82,000

You may give by check or give online at www.fpcnaples.org/give, select Playground from the list of funds. Checks may be mailed to the church with the notation to "Playground."

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. This will help greatly with our cash flow. Although the pace slows down, our ministry and expenses continue. We continue to be 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 please contact Anna Focht, Director of Finance.

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