



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026 | 10 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

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFAKE

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: *God upholds those who are weary and lifts those who are burdened.*

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

People: *We come seeking grace, strength, and peace.*

Leader: Let us worship the God whose love endures through every generation.

People: *Let us praise God's holy name forever.*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Call to Confession

REV. TIM STOVER

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God,

You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, yet we confess that we do not always reflect your compassion.

We have been quick to judge and slow to understand. We have resisted your wisdom when it challenged our assumptions. We have added burdens to others' lives rather than helping to carry them. We have failed to trust your grace and have not always extended that grace to our neighbors.

Forgive us, O God. Lift the burdens we carry. Teach us the gentle way of Christ, that we may walk in humility, serve with compassion, and share your love with the world.

In Jesus' name we pray.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

**Please stand, if able*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus Christ, God comes to us with forgiveness, healing, and rest for our souls. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

HEATHER CARELOCK

Scripture Reading

Psalm 45:8-14

PEW BIBLE PAGE 449

Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; ⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, ¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him; ¹² the people[a] of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people ¹³ with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes; ¹⁴ in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Response

We Are One in the Spirit

PETER SCHOLTES

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will work with each other; we will work side by side; and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

PEW BIBLE PAGE 792

¹⁶ "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 11.4)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to people with low incomes, releasing the captives, giving sight to the blind, and setting the oppressed free.

In a broken and fearful world, the Holy Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, 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 seek to serve Christ in our daily lives and to use our freedom for the good of our neighbors.

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

Prayer 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

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

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

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso (Water Music Suite)
Dr. Brice Gerlach on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Pipe Organ

G. F. HANDEL

**Please stand, if able*

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers have been given by Mike and Rose Kaufman in memory of Henry C. and Sonia Kaufman, by their children, grandchildren, and friends of First Presbyterian Church; and by Audrey Smith and Doug Gibbens, in honor of the 250th birthday of our nation; and by Marjorie and Roy Cashion, in honor of Andie Goodrich's birthday.

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Dave Burgess, Lucy Koll, Ali Norris, Mark Owens, Gerald Swoyer

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Sylvia Marsh, Liz and Mark Speake

Hospitality Table

Betty Mangos, Betty Plum

JOURNEY TO THE HEART

Caregivers Support

CIRCLE OF GRACE

Care Receiver's Support



SUNDAY, JULY 19

Lunch in Chapel: 11:15 a.m.

Meeting in Parlor: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

For more information about the caregiver and care receiver support groups, contact Susan Pratt.

News & Events

Guests and Visitors – Welcome

We're so glad you've joined us in worship today. After the service, please head over to the Welcome Table in Spencer Hall to say hello, pick up a special welcome gift, and enjoy some light refreshments with us.

Holy Hospitality Takes a Patriotic Turn • July 5

Join us in Spencer Hall after worship today for cake and ice cream as we celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Notice of Congregational Meeting • July 12

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has completed its search and will present a candidate to the congregation on Sunday, July 12. The candidate will preach and participate in worship during the 10:00 a.m. service. Immediately following worship, a Congregational Meeting will convene to hear from the PNC, formally introduce the candidate, and present them for approval by the congregation to be our next Senior Pastor and Head of Staff.

Nominations for Church Elder and Deacon • Submit by July 12

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying those among us who might be a candidate to serve as a Ruling Elder or as a Deacon. Please prayerfully consider whom you believe God is calling to lead us in these two important ministries. To nominate yourself or another member, please use the separate Deacon and Elder nomination forms. Each form begins with the requirements of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order 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. Simply submit their name and the Nominating Committee will take it from there!

Nomination forms are available at the exit doors, the church office, and online at fpcnaples.org/resources. For questions, please contact Linda Gadkowski, Committee Chair, at linda.gadkowski@gmail.com or 508.292.5500. Please submit all nomination forms by Sunday, July 12.

Summer Choir

Our summer choir schedule has officially begun! Our choir rehearses each Sunday morning from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. in the choir room to prepare for the 10 a.m. service. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us! Contact Dr. Brice Gerlach for more information.

Weekly Bible Studies

Women's Ministry Bible Study meets each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. We are currently studying the book of Ruth. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmclure.com.

HUDDLE: A Men's Bible Discussion Group – All men are invited and encouraged to bring their lunch and gather each Thursday at noon. We are studying the Gospel of John. If you would prefer to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Giving Opportunities

The Grace of Giving Campaign

We worship, love, grow, and serve together because of your faithful support. Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2026! If you would like to make a new pledge, please visit fpcnaples.org/give, find a pledge card in the pew racks at church, or speak with Joan Congine. We are deeply grateful for your continued investment in First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

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 fpcnaples.org/give.

Feed the 5,000 Collection Next Sunday – The Salvation Army

This month, your donations will help replenish The Salvation Army's food pantry. Ushers will hand out food lists following the service today. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance next Sunday. Items may also be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and placed in the collection plate. Contributions may also be made online at fpcnaples.org/give by selecting "Feed 5000".

Planned Giving Committee: The Palms Society

"I shall never die, for the Spirit within me is God and cannot change. My life is hid within the Universe of Love and Light, and that Light shall live forever." – Ernest Holmes.

The Palms Society is a program that allows you to support the church and its mission into the future by including it in your estate planning.

If you would like more information about the Palms Society or to become a member, please contact Amy Manley at 239.272.6821 or Linda Gadkowski at 508.292.5500.

Financial Snapshot through May 31, 2026	vs 2025		
	2026	2025	Fav/(Unfav)
Income - Year to date	1,247,122	1,219,888	27,234
Expenses - Year to date	1,226,366	1,245,054	18,687
Net Income (shortfall) - Year to date	20,756	(25,166)	45,921

Children, Youth and Young Adults

For information on any of the following gatherings, please contact either Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries, or Ashley Henning, Assistant for Children, Youth and Family Ministries, or call 239.262.1311.

Wiggle Room

Our Wiggle Room is designed for parents with children ages 0-18 months. Located on the east side of the Sanctuary, this room is filled with a variety of toys and activities tailored for our youngest children. Parents can comfortably watch the service from inside this room - it's a welcoming space that ensures both parents and children can enjoy their time together.

Family Newsletter Spotlight

Each week, we send out a family newsletter to keep our families informed of the fantastic events and activities happening at FPC Naples for our children and youth. Do you want to be part of the fun? Simply email Ashley Henning to put your name on the mailing list.

FunDay School – Every Sunday in June and July 2026

FunDay Winter School has officially begun! For children in kindergarten through fifth grade, drop-off begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room, and for children from 18 months to VPK in the nursery, with pick-up at 11 a.m. For more information, please visit fpcnaples.org/children or contact Ashley Henning.



Upcoming FunDay School Schedule:

- July 12 – Winter Wonderland
- July 19 – Snowflakes of Uniqueness
- July 26 – Winter Olympics of Joy

Staff Listing

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Preschool			
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Publications			publications@fpcnaples.org

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.

*Cynthia Anderson	Rick Krinitt	*Bert Patton	The U.S. Military
*Michael Bennett	Lorraine Kornek	Thomas Perialisi	Stephen Ministers/Care
Judy Bohl	Sally Madden	Dave Priatko	Receivers
William Camp Jr.	Meghan Maher	*Linda Rader	FPC Caregivers Support
Eric Cost	Aaron Malstrom	*Linda Rhodes	Group
Jacqueline Davis	Edison Martinez	Diana Dryer Stadtmiller	All serving Missionaries
Audrey Douglas	Mary Matvias	Chuck Tenley	Central Presbyterian
Suzanne Dozios	*Liz Miller	Jackie Thomas	Reformed Church, Cuba
Mike Ellis	Katherine Miller	Valerie and Peter Walters	
*Fred Hertel	*Carolyn Mollers	Nancy Westlund	<i>*church member</i>
Lynn Hertel	Marilyn Naiman		
Chuck Hoover	Joe Parker		

Hospital Ministry – If you will be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is, please contact Coordinator for Membership and Caring Ministries, Susan Pratt or the church office.



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