



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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

Fanfare

WILLIAM MATHIAS

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. AARON JANKLOW

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 61*)

Leader: Hear my cry, O God;

People: Listen to my prayer.

Leader: From the ends of the earth I call to you,

People: When my heart is faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Leader: For you are my refuge.

People: A strong tower against the enemy.

Leader: I long to dwell in your tent forever.

People: And to take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us. As far as the east is from the west is how far God removes our sins from us.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**Please stand, if able*

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

CINDY ESLER

Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

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Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Bless the Lord

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

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Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Incredible Grace of Jesus"

REV. DR. AARON JANKLOW

*Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Behold Now, Praise the Lord

EVERETT TITCOMB

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord. Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, praise the Lord.

*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 #815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
3. Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
4. Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in G

THÉODORE DUBOIS

Dr. Brice Gerlach on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Pipe Organ

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to welcome Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow and family, by the Pastor Nominating Committee. We look forward to the future with you beside us!

Ushers

Caryn and Steve Yarbrough (head ushers), Heather Carelock, Tanya Maxwell, Mark Owens, Deb Streamer, Kathi Webber, Kitty Wildman

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Jan and David Witman

Hospitality Table

Grace Circle

TODAY AT A GLANCE

- **Fellowship & Refreshments** – Immediately following service in Spencer Hall
- **Welcome Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow** – Greet Aaron during fellowship time in Spencer Hall.
- **Church Tour** – Meet at the front of the Sanctuary after the service (30 min).
- **Caregivers & Care Receivers** – Parlor (Caregivers) & Chapel (Care Receivers) following service; lunch provided.
- **Feed the 5,000 Collection** – St. Matthew's House food drop-off at the Sixth Street entrance.



New Here? We're Glad You Joined Us

Thank you for spending your Sunday morning with our church family. Once our worship service concludes, make your way over to Spencer Hall to grab a bite to eat, enjoy a warm drink, and meet a few friendly faces. Be sure to swing by the Welcome Table so we can greet you personally and hand you a small gift to remember your visit.

Main Sanctuary Balcony A/C Replacement Project • Ongoing

Please note that A/C work on the main sanctuary balcony is currently underway. The east and west balconies will not be affected. While we do not plan to close the main balcony, it may be uncomfortably warm during the replacement project. We suggest sitting elsewhere in the sanctuary if possible. We thank you for your patience!

Church Tour • September 13

The Deacons invite you to a "Behind the Scenes" church tour today following the service. We will assemble at the front of the Sanctuary for a 30-minute campus tour. See Sarah Nichols for more information.

Caregivers and Care Receivers Support Groups • September 13

The *Journey to the Heart* caregivers support group, led by the Alzheimer's Support Network, will meet in the Parlor today after the service. Our loved ones will gather for the *Circle of Grace* care receivers support group in the Chapel, led by Susan Pratt, Coordinator of Membership and Caring Ministries. Lunch will be provided. For more information, see Susan Pratt.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship • September 16

We gather on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8 a.m. in the Youth Room for coffee, pastries, and fellowship. All men are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 16, as Bill Kearney kicks off a new series on famous churches and cathedrals with a presentation on Our Lady of Lourdes in France. For more information, please contact Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

Discover First Presbyterian Class • September 20

If you are interested in learning more about this congregation, its faith, and how we worship, love, grow, and serve in the heart of Naples with the love of God, join us for our Discover First Presbyterian class on Sunday, September 20, following the service. We will encourage you on your journey of faith as we talk about what it means to become a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples. Informational packets will be available at the class, or you may pick one up by the Sanctuary exit doors as well as at the Welcome Table in Spencer Hall. You may register by calling the church office or emailing Susan Pratt.

Women of the Way (WOW) – Romans: In the Grip of Grace Bible Study • Beginning October 1

Join the Wonderful Women of the Way on Thursdays in Spencer Hall, October 1 through November 12, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. (coffee begins at 9 a.m.). We will study *Romans: In the Grip of Grace*, a six-session Bible study by Max Lucado. After each video lesson, we gather in small groups where women find community and belonging as we study God's Word. All women are welcome. **Books are now available** in Spencer Hall for \$15. For more information or to sign up, visit the WOW table in Spencer Hall after service, or email fpcwomen2017@gmail.com.

Fall Festival Volunteers Needed • October 16

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Fall Festival on Friday, October 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Lend a hand with activities, games, and fellowship to help make this a wonderful evening for our church family and community. Sign up in Spencer Hall or email Ashley Henning.

Stephen Ministry

Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we offer at FPC Naples. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, are 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, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall or contact the church office.

Weekly Bible Studies

Women's Ministry Bible Study meets each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. We are currently studying 2 Corinthians. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmcclure.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 book of John. If you would prefer to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Giving Opportunities

Back in Full Swing – September brings a wonderful rhythm back to our campus as Bible studies, chancel choir rehearsals, and committee meetings resume. We are deeply grateful to all who give so faithfully—whether through annual pledges or spontaneous offerings—fueling the active daily life of First Presbyterian Church. Your gifts make our shared worship, study, and fellowship possible. If you ever have questions regarding your giving history or pledge status, please contact Joan Congine.

Financial Snapshot through Jul 31, 2026	2026	2025	vs 2025 Fav/(Unfav)
Income - Year to date	1,633,983	1,664,376	(30,393)
Expenses - Year to date	1,816,901	1,816,634	(267)
Net Income (shortfall) - Year to date	(182,918)	(152,258)	(30,660)

Feed the 5,000 Collection Today: St. Matthew's House – This month, your donations will help replenish the St. Matthew's House food pantry. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance today. 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".

Children, Youth and Young Adults

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

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.

Childcare is available for children ages 18 months to VPK after our Children's Time. Each Sunday includes a fun and interactive lesson on our scripture of the day, along with prayer opportunities. Parents can pick up their children on the second floor of the Mase Education Building after service.

Kidz Lab is our vibrant Sunday school program for children in grades K through 6. Here, children engage with the same scripture their parents explore during the church service, creating meaningful opportunities for family conversations and reflections afterward. We gather on the 2nd floor of the Mase Education Building, following the Children's Time, and pickup is conveniently located in Spencer Hall after the service.

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 Nancy Van Fleet to put your name on the mailing list.

Youth Group • September 23

We will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth to connect with friends, grow in their faith, and have fun! This year, we will explore identity, community, and faith through *Who Do You Say I Am?* - a meaningful curriculum designed to help youth reflect on who they are and who God calls them to be. Contact Nancy Van Fleet with any questions.

Young Adult Group • Beginning September 27 – Join us on the fourth Sunday of the month, beginning September 27, at noon in the Youth Room or via Zoom as we gather to explore faith, relationships, responsibilities, and self-care - all in the context of our journey with God. Each year, we also host an Unplugged Retreat, a meaningful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life, connect with God and nature, and renew our spirits alongside one another. Contact Nancy Van Fleet for more information and for the Zoom link (for joining remotely).

Staff Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone: 239.262.1311</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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Rev. Rex Childs, Associate Pastor		2027	rexc@fpcnaples.org
Worship & Music			
Dr. Brice Gerlach, Director of Music Ministries		2039	briceg@fpcnaples.org
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Preschool			
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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.

*Edie Andrew	Chuck Hoover	Rita O'Brian	The U.S. Military
Marti and Steve Barwick	Saritha and Tom Keenan	Dave Priatko	Stephen Ministers/Care
William Camp Jr.	*Nancy Kiningham	*Linda and John Rader	Receivers
Dylan Crawford	*David Koehler	*Linda Rhodes	FPC Caregivers Support
Jacquelyn Davis	Rick Krinnit	Pat and Gary Schneider	Group
Suzanne Dozios	Aaron Malstrom	Diana Dryer Stadtmiller	All serving Missionaries
Mike Ellis	Edison Martinez	Chuck Tenley	Central Presbyterian
*Linda Grove	James McDonald	Chris Thomas and Family	Reformed Church, Cuba
*Shirley Hagerson	Laura McGuire	*Melinda Younkin	
*Fred Hertel	Lynn Mier	Valerie and Peter Walters	*church member
Lynn Hertel	Katherine Miller	Glenn Watson	
Jill and Craig Holbrook	Jeff Newman	Andrew Winebrenner	
Jane Holbrook	Robert Newsom	Carole Wittemore	

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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