



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

Prelude in Classic Style

GORDON YOUNG

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. AARON JANKLOW

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)*

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

People: For you I wait all day long.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,

People: And of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: According to your steadfast love remember me,

All: For the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

**Hymn of Praise #475*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession

REV. DR. AARON JANKLOW

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, 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: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Friends hear and believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: 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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of New Members

ELDER CHRIS HORSMAN

Mary Ann Bohannon, Cynthia L. Collins, Sonia Dudas, Scott Dudas, Beth A. Fitzgerald, James C. Fitzgerald, Sherrill A. Hoover, Herbert C. Hoover Jr. (Chuck), Brooke R. Mitchell, Jason A. Mitchell, Julia A. Rice, Kennedy M. Rieder, Molly Singerling, Julia M. Van Fleet, Heidi A. Varsames, John R. Varsames (Johnny)

Questions of Member

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.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

DAVID WITMAN

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

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If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Live in Charity

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God at Work in You"

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

They Shall Soar Like Eagles

LAURA MANZO

They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles. They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary. They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power. They who wait upon the Lord. Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow. God will be there each time you call on him.

*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 #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on 'Ellacombe'

MARK THALLANDER

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

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Dave Burgess, Pat and Bob MacMinn, Saralene Oldham, Betty Plum, Kathi Webber

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Betty Mangos, Tanya Maxwell, John Smith

Hospitality Table

Sunshine Circle

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS: *For full details on today's schedule and upcoming events, please see the following pages.*



Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 3 • 10 a.m.



Annual Fall Festival
Friday, October 16 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

News & Events

Welcome, Visitors and Friends

Whether you are visiting Naples for the weekend or looking for a church home, we are thrilled you chose to worship with us this morning! Please join us in Spencer Hall, located immediately behind the Sanctuary, following the service for coffee, light refreshments, and fellowship. Please also stop by our Welcome Table, we would love to say hello in person and send you home with a special welcome gift.

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.

This Sunday, September 27, is the **final opportunity to purchase books in Spencer Hall** for \$15. If you plan to purchase a copy independently, please check with us to ensure you get the correct edition. For more information or to sign up, visit the WOW table in Spencer Hall after the service, or email

fpcwomen2017@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals • October 3

On Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m. we will host a Blessing of the Animals in the west parking lot. Bring your pet, a picture, or even a stuffie for a special blessing celebrating St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all animals. All are welcome!

Annual Deacon Brunch • October 11

Join us following the service on Sunday, October 11, for a delicious brunch hosted by your church Deacons. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Contact Sylvia Marsh at 239.682.1113 or syl.john@hotmail.com to find out how you can help.

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. to help make this a wonderful evening for our church family and community.

- **Festival Activities & Games:** Lend a hand running stations and activities throughout the evening (5:30–7:30 p.m.). Sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Ashley Henning.
- **Trunk-or-Treat Vehicles:** Bring a decorated car and hand out treats from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (arrive at 5:00 p.m. for setup). Sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Ashley Henning.
- **Preschool Silent Auction Table:** Assist with staffing and monitoring the auction table during the event. Contact Delia Buckley, Preschool Director, to help.

Main Sanctuary Balcony A/C Replacement Project • Ongoing

Replacement work on the main balcony A/C is taking longer than anticipated. While the balcony remains open, it may be uncomfortably warm, so we recommend sitting on the main floor or in the side balconies. Thank you for your continued patience as we finish this much-needed project!

Giving Opportunities

Closing Out the Quarter

As we draw near the end of September and look toward the fourth quarter, we want to say a sincere thank you for your thoughtful stewardship. Your consistent contributions toward your annual pledge help us meet our financial obligations responsibly through every season of the year. If you have questions about or wish to update your records, please reach out to Joan Congine.

Financial Snapshot through Aug 31, 2026	2026	2025	vs 2025 Fav/(Unfav)
Income - Year to date	1,981,603	2,000,189	(18,586)
Expenses - Year to date	2,047,338	2,041,214	(6,124)
Net Income (shortfall) - Year to date	(65,734)	(41,025)	(24,710)

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 Joshua. If you would prefer to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Preparing the Way, Adult Sunday School (Resuming October 4) – Join Rev. Rex Childs on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., resuming October 4, in the Chapel for sessions based on the New Testament reading on which that day's sermon is based. You can obtain the readings from our Thursday e-blast or by contacting the office.

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 the 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.

Young Adult Group • Today: September 27 at Acopio Coffee

This Sunday, September 27, at 12 p.m. (noon), we will meet at Acopio Coffee to kick off the season together. We will enjoy some good food, check in after the summer, connect, and talk about what the upcoming season will look like, including topics you'd like to explore. If you have any questions, please reach out to Nancy Van Fleet. Moving forward, our group will gather on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Youth Group • October 14

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.

Staff Listing

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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	Saritha and Tom Keenan	Rita O'Brian	The U.S. Military
William Camp Jr.	*David Koehler	Claire Peek	Stephen Ministers/Care
Jacquelyn Davis	Rick Krinnit	Dave Priatko	Receivers
Suzanne Dozios	Aaron Malstrom	*Linda and John Rader	FPC Caregivers Support
Peter Duval	Edison Martinez	*Linda Rhodes	Group
Mike Ellis	James McDonald	Pat and Gary Schneider	All serving Missionaries
*Robin Garber	Laura McGuire	Chuck Tenley	Central Presbyterian
*Shirley Hagerson	Rodney McKinney	*Melinda Younkin	Reformed Church, Cuba
*Fred Hertel	Lynn Mier	Valerie and Peter Walters	
Lynn Hertel	Katherine Miller	Glenn Watson	*church member
Jill and Craig Holbrook	Jeff Newman	Andrew Winebrenner	
Jane Holbrook	Robert Newsom	Carole Wittemore	
Chuck Hoover	Gianni Nunn		

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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