



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**World Communion Sunday
GenWE Sunday
October 4, 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 on “Lasst Uns Erfreuen”

PAUL MANZ

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. REX CHILDS

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 100*)

SPOKEN IN SPANISH BY MARTHA CASTANO
TRANSLATED BY EMMANUEL GIRALDO-CASTANO

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: *Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.*

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

**People: *It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.***

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: *Give thanks to him, bless his name.*

Leader: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

People: *And his faithfulness to all generations.*

All: *Let us worship the Living Lord.*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: *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!***

**Please stand, if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

SHARON AND EVIE NEWMAN

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19

PEW BIBLE PAGE 433

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

**Somos Uno en Cristo
(We are One in Christ)**

MUSIC FROM LATIN AMERICA

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo. Uno solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo amor, un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu, y ese es el Consolador.

We're united in Jesus we're united. Like a family, we're united. We have one God, one Holy Lord. We have one faith, only one Love. Just one baptism, one Holy Spirit, one comforter sent from God above.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

SPOKEN IN GERMAN BY

PEW BIBLE PAGE 803

KARIN MERK AND ALINA TURNER

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Affirmation of Faith (*The Nicene Creed*)

REV. REX CHILDS

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

He Is MineSWAHILI SONG FROM KENYA
ARR. HAL HOPSON

He is mine. Jesus is mine. Forever and ever, Jesus is mine.
Ni wangu. Yesu wangu. Milele, milele, Yesu wangu.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or peril, or sword? Through him who loved us we shall surely conquer all. Yes, Jesus is the one. I am still persuaded, and I know it is true: neither life, or death, nor things yet to be, O, none shall separate us from the love of God. Yes, Jesus is the one.

*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

SPOKEN IN FRENCH BY BETTY PLUM

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Refrain.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain.

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.*

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

***Be Thou My Vision
Arirang***

IRISH FOLK MELODY, ARR. FRED BOCK
KOREAN FOLK TUNE, ARR. JOY E. KONING

Prayer of Blessing

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Afro-Cuban (Three Jazz Preludes)
Dr. Brice Gerlach on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Pipe Organ

JOHANNES MATTHIAS MICHEL

World Communion Sunday – After the service, please join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. We'll enjoy dishes from around the world and also get to know some of the people around you. You will find table tents on each table during fellowship with questions to spark conversation. We hope you'll stay and be part of it!

GenWE Sunday – Today is GenWE Sunday. These special Sundays, held on the first Sunday of each month, encourage us to gather across generations to worship together. Childcare is available for our children 18 months-pre-K 4 after the Time for Children, and there is also a Wiggle Room adjacent to the sanctuary for those with younger children. We have Worship Wonder Boxes for all our children to help parents guide their children through the service in an interactive way. Please ask an usher for one.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Ushers

Thomas Ryerson (head usher), Gene and Tedi Fraley, Steve Frazier, Lucy Koll, Tanya Maxwell, Ali Norris, Kitty Wildman

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Chris Horsman and Marc Miller, Cindy Jones, Brenda Lilly, Kathi Webber

News & Events

Women of the Way (WOW) – Romans: In the Grip of Grace Bible Study • Through November 12

Join the Wonderful Women of the Way on Thursdays in Spencer Hall through November 12, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. (coffee begins at 9 a.m.). We began our six-session Bible study, *Romans: In the Grip of Grace*, on October 1 — but it's not too late to jump in! 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. If you plan to purchase a copy of the book 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.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship • October 7

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, October 7 for our next presentation. For more information, contact Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

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.

Caregivers and Care Receivers Support Groups • October 11

The *Journey to the Heart* caregivers support group, led by the Alzheimer's Support Network, will meet in the Parlor on Sunday, October 11, 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, contact Susan Pratt.

Annual Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat • October 16

Join us for an evening of games, trunk-or-treating, seasonal fellowship, and our preschool silent auction on Friday, October 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.! We also need volunteers to help bring the fun to life. Sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Ashley Henning to host a decorated vehicle (5:30–6:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. setup). To assist with the preschool silent auction table, contact Preschool Director Delia Buckley.

Discover First Presbyterian Class • October 18

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, October 18, 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.

Palms Society Workshops • October 18, 25 & November 1

This three-part series meets at 11:15 a.m. to cover:

- Getting your Finance and Estate Planning in Order, presented by Amy Manley, CFP, and Linda Gadkowski, CFP
- Understanding Senior Living Options (including Hospice), by Renee Smith-Gonzales of Lely Palms
- Jenny Reichard, Family Service Counselor for Advanced Planning at Dignity Memorial, for Funeral Planning and services at First Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow

These informal sessions will prepare you and your loved ones for caring and sharing. Please sign up at the Palms Society sheet in Spencer Hall.

Guatemala Mission Trip • December 5–13

The next mission trip to Guatemala will be December 5 through the 13th. If you feel led to join the medical team, you are welcome. We plan to provide Christmas presents and food to all the children in one of the villages on Sunday. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift to help make this a reality. You can give through the church website at fpcnaples.org/give by selecting "TR Guatemala Missions." As always, thank you for your prayer and financial support of this important mission in Camotán. You can reach Mark Speake in person after the church service, by phone or text at 570.490.3681, or by email at markspeake58@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Balcony A/C Update • Ongoing

Replacement work is ongoing, and the main balcony may be uncomfortably warm; we recommend sitting on the main floor or in the side balconies. Thank you for your patience!

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 – Join Rev. Rex Childs on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Chapel for sessions exploring 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.

Giving Opportunities

Welcoming Autumn Together – A warm welcome to our seasonal members and traveling friends returning to Southwest Florida this month! As attendance and activity pick up across our church, we remain deeply grateful for the financial support that sustains our church year-round. Your faithful generosity keeps our doors open and our ministries thriving. Please feel free to connect with Joan Congine if you have any questions about your giving or online account.

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 – This month, your donations will help replenish the **Helps Outreach** 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".

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 – Our Sunday School (grades K-6) is not held on GenWE Sundays. Children are invited to remain in the service and worship with their families.

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 • 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.

Young Adult Group • October 25 – Join us on the fourth Sunday of the month, beginning October 25, 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 the Zoom link (for joining remotely).

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 at fpc@fpcnaples.org.

*Edie Andrew	Saritha and Tom Keenan	Rita O'Brian	The U.S. Military
William Camp Jr.	*David Koehler	Claire Peek	Stephen Ministers/Care
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Suzanne Dozios	Aaron Malstrom	*Linda and John Rader	FPC Caregivers Support
Natalie Duff	Edison Martinez	*Linda Rhodes	Group
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*Robin Garber	Laura McGuire	*Melinda Younkin	Reformed Church, Cuba
*Shirley Hagerson	Rodney McKinney	Valerie and Peter Walters	
*Fred Hertel	Lynn Mier	Glenn Watson	*church member
Lynn Hertel	Katherine Miller	Andrew Winebrenner	
Jill and Craig Holbrook	Jeff Newman	Carole Wittemore	
Jane Holbrook	Robert Newsom		
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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