First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
November 15, 2026 | 10 a.m.

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

The Prelude ***When Morning Gilds the Skies*** DALE WOOD

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together REV. DR. AARON JANKLOW

Moment for Stewardship

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 100*)

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. It is he that made us, and we are his;
People: 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. For the LORD is good;
All: His steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #645 ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!
3. The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!
4. Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Call to Confession REV. REX CHILDS

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 and 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: Hear the good news! Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: 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!

Children's Time NANCY VAN FLEET

**Please stand, if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination — CINDY MCCARTHY

Scripture Reading — Acts 2:41-47 — PEW BIBLE PAGE 886

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God.***

Response — ***Come and Fill Our Hearts*** — TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Scripture Reading — Matthew 25:14-30 — PEW BIBLE PAGE 807

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon — ***"Sharing in God's Mission"*** — REV. DR. AARON JANKLOW

*Affirmation of Faith *(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

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 ***God Is Our Refuge*** ALLEN POTE

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble – though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble – though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble – though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. We will not fear.

*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 #716 ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*** BEACH SPRING

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
   nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
   gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
   thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
   all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
   Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
   Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
   ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
   Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
   healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ***Rondo in G*** JOHN BULL

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

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Congregational Meeting Today – A meeting of the congregation will be held this morning following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons. Biographies for nominees are included in this bulletin following the announcements.

- **Elder nominees:** Ned Camuti (2nd term), Jan Gammons, Amy Manley, Mark Owens, Audrey Smith
- **Deacon nominees:** Carolyn Bennett (2nd term), Heather Carelock (2nd term), Cindy Esler (2nd term), Gene & Tedi Fraley, Cindy Jones, Cindy McCarthy (2nd term), Sarah Miller (2nd term), Thomas Ryerson, Mike Simpson, Molly Singerling, Gary Tincu (2nd term), Kathi Webber (2nd term), David & Jan Witman

Chancel Flowers – The chancel flowers have been given by Jane and Bruce Rogers, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; and

by his loving family, in loving memory of the greatest brother and Navy veteran, Barton Smythe.

Ushers – Caryn and Steve Yarbrough (head ushers), Tedi and Gene Fraley, Lucy Koll, Amy Manley, Tanya Maxwell, Sarah Nichols, Mark Owens, Kitty Wildman

Greeters – Heather Carelock, Cindy Esler, Molly and Jim Singerling, Kathi Webber

Hospitality Table – Lydia Circle

**Please stand, if able*

Sharing in God's Mission

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

2027 Stewardship Campaign

Today we gather with joy to celebrate and dedicate our **pledges** for our 2027 annual campaign, *Sharing in God's Mission*, inspired by Acts 2:44 and 47. As we look forward to celebrating 75 years of ministry in Naples in 2027, pledging enables us to faithfully plan and budget for our vibrant worship, music, ministries, and community outreach in the coming year.

As of this week, we have received over **$869,000 in pledges for 2027 from 133 household**s toward our goal of **$1.75 million from 235 or more households**. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has pledged to date and to all who are responding today with that same generous spirit.

Whether you are a member or friend, your support is vital to help us live more fully into our calling: *In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God, we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*.

How to Participate During Today's Offertory:

- **Pledging by Paper?** Complete a pledge card from your pew rack (or use the card you brought from home) and place it in the offering plate during the service.
- **Already Pledged?** Pick up an **"I Have Pledged!"** card from your pew rack to place in the offering plate as a symbol of your dedication today.
- **Pledging Online Today?** You can complete your pledge on your smartphone at ***fpcnaples.org/stewardship***.

Questions? Please contact Marc Miller, Stewardship Chair, or Debbie Savage.

A Season of Music

Don't Miss This Afternoon's Concert • 4 p.m.

Voices of Naples joins the Ave Maria University Choirs in the Sanctuary today at 4 p.m. for *Generations of Song*. Tickets available at the door ($30). See **News & Events** for full details!

News & Events

Welcome, Visitors and Friends – We're glad you're here! Meet us in Spencer Hall (behind the Sanctuary) after the service for refreshments and connection. Visit the Welcome Table to say hello and receive your welcome gift.

Angel Tree – Look for our annual Angel Tree up in Spencer Hall! Stop by to select a tag and help brighten Christmas for children served by Misión Peniel. Gift ideas are in the November *Outreach*, and all new, unwrapped gifts are due back by Sunday, December 6.

A Season of Music: Voices of Naples • November 15 – Our concert series continues later today at 4 p.m. as Voices of Naples joins the Ave Maria University Concert and Chamber Choirs for *Generations of Song*. Conducted by Dr. Brice Gerlach and Dr. Taylor Ferranti, with accompanist Aaron Powers, the choirs will perform separately and together, featuring works by Vivaldi, Rutter, and popular favorites. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the door; call 239.293.0645 to order. Pick up a 2026–2027 Season of Music brochure in Spencer Hall or visit ***fpcnaples.org/music*** to explore upcoming performances, including our Chancel Choir Christmas Concert on December 6 and our full 2027 lineup.

Presbyterian Women Circles • November 17 & 18
All women and guests are warmly invited to gather in the Church Parlor as we launch our monthly PW Circle meetings and Bible study. This year's study is *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other (Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians)*. Study books are available for $10 at the PW table in Spencer Hall. Circles meet monthly from November through April:

- **Grace Circle:** Tuesday, November 17 at 10 a.m.
- **Sunshine Circle:** Wednesday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Lydia Circle:** Wednesday, November 18 at 1 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship • November 18
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, November 18, for a presentation by Bill Kearney. For more information, please contact Bill Kearney at ***skearney239@comcast.net***.

Evenings at First: Jeffery Deaver • November 18 – Join us for our final Evenings at First event of the fall season, presented in partnership with Books on Third! Dinner is served at 5 p.m. ($20, payable by cash or check at the door), followed by a 6 p.m. presentation by international bestselling mystery author Jeffery Deaver. Pre-signed copies of The Collateral Heart can be purchased for $38.14 via Eventbrite at ***fpcnaples.org/events*** (copies at the door will be very limited). **Dinner registrations close tomorrow, Monday, November 16, at 4 p.m.**

Coffee with Katherine: Parenting in Real Life • November 18 – Join licensed professional school counselor Katherine Walters from 9 to 10 a.m. in Spencer Hall for practical tools for raising capable kids and creating calmer homes. This session covers "*Less Stress, More Connection,*" focusing on holiday expectations, boundaries, routines, gratitude, and connection.

Installation of Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow • November 22 – The Peace River Presbytery cordially invites you to the installation of Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Naples next Sunday, November 22 at 10 a.m. Preaching will be Rev. Dr. Brewster "Budge" Gere. A reception will follow in Spencer Hall.

Thanksgiving Service • November 26 – Join us for a service of thanks and praise at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Following the service Nancy Van Fleet will lead a Path of Gratitude labyrinth walk.

Hanging of the Greens • November 30
Join us on Monday, November 30 from 9 a.m. to noon to make our Sanctuary, Narthex and outdoors beautiful! You can sit and fluff bows, fluff the Christmas trees, hang garland either inside or outside and many other fun things. Sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Jeff Newman, Facilities Director, if you can help.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing • December 5 & 12 – Volunteer to ring bells at the Naples Plaza Publix! Two-hour shifts run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, December 5 and 12. Only a few spots remain, sign up in Spencer Hall.

Guatemala Medical Mission • Departs December 5
Our next medical mission team leaves for Camotán, Guatemala on Saturday, December 5. As part of this trip, the team is hosting a special Christmas party to provide food, gifts, and holiday joy for every child in one of our mountain villages. The total cost to fund the celebration and gifts is approximately $7,000. You can help support this effort by donating 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 by email at ***markspeake58@gmail.com***.

A Season of Music: Chancel Choir Christmas Concert • December 6
Experience the hope, wonder, and joy of the Christmas season through cherished sacred music. Conducted by Dr. Brice Gerlach, our annual Christmas concert showcases the talent of the First Presbyterian Church of Naples Chancel Choir and soloists, accompanied by a professional chamber orchestra.

The program highlights choral anthems including John Rutter's *Candlelight Carol*, Daniel Kantor's *Night of Silence*, and Dan Forrest's arrangement of *Silent Night*, alongside traditional favorites and an audience sing-along of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, *The First Noel*, and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be received.

Returning for the Season? Welcome Back! – If you have recently returned to Southwest Florida, please note your return and seasonal address on today's Friendship Pad (or contact the church office) to ensure our information is up to date.

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 Romans. If you prefer to join us via Zoom instead, contact the church office for the link.

Preparing the Way, Adult Sunday School – Join Rev. Rex Childs Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Chapel to explore the New Testament reading for that day's sermon. 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 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 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 ages 18 months to VPK following Children's Time. Each Sunday includes a fun, interactive lesson on the day's scripture, along with prayer opportunities. Pickup is 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. We gather on the 2nd floor of the Mase Education Building, following the Children's Time, and pickup is in Spencer Hall after service.

Family Newsletter Spotlight – Each week, we send out a family newsletter to keep our families informed of events and activities happening at FPC Naples for our children and youth. Want to be part of the fun? Email Nancy Van Fleet to join the mailing list.

Young Adult Group • November 22 – Meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 12 p.m. in the Youth Room or via Zoom. Join us to explore faith, relationships, and life balance, and learn about our annual Unplugged Retreat. Contact Nancy Van Fleet for details.

Giving Opportunities

Palms Society G.R.O.W. Party • November 29 & December 6 – The Palms Society invites you to participate in our G.R.O.W. (Get Rid Of Wovens) event. Please bring donations of baskets, linens, clothing, or other woven items suitable for Christmas gifts to Spencer Hall on Sunday, November 29. Then, join us on Sunday, December 6, in Spencer Hall for the G.R.O.W. Party to browse and shop! Items will not be priced; all items are available for a donation of your choice. Sharing is caring!

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 Sep 30, 2026	2026	2025	vs 2025 Fav/(Unfav)
Income - Year to date	2,213,288	2,176,531	36,757
Expenses - Year to date	2,280,916	2,253,775	(27,142)
Net Income (shortfall) - Year to date	(67,628)	(77,244)	9,615

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.

Lindsay Hoover Boger
Becky Brooks
Jacquelyn Davis
Suzanne Dozios
Natalie Duff
Mike Ellis
*Robin Garber
*Fred Hertel
Lynn Hertel
Jill and Craig Holbrook
Chuck Hoover
*Mary Lou Hudtloff

Alice Hunt
*The Ingram Family
*David Koehler
Rick Krinnit
Aaron Malstrom
*Jack Marsh
Edison Martinez
Dean Matthews
James McDonald
Laura McGuire
Lynn Mier
Katherine Miller

Rita O'Brian
Dave Priatko
*Linda and John Rader
Pat and Gary Schneider
Teresa Shewmaker
*Mark Speake
Chuck Tenley
*Melinda Younkin
*Jo Ann & Neil Van Dyke
Valerie and Peter Walters
Andrew Winebrenner
Carole Wittemore

The U.S. Military
Stephen Ministers/Care Receivers
FPC Caregivers Support Group
All serving Missionaries
Central Presbyterian Reformed Church, Cuba

**church member*

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.

ELDER NOMINEES



Ned Camuti (2nd term)

Education: Undergraduate degree in engineering, Lehigh University; MBA, Northern Illinois University

Professional Background: 45-year career in senior leadership roles in the electrical equipment industry; currently a part-time consultant to manufacturing and wholesale companies in various industries

Other Interests: Staying active, playing pickleball, golfing, and skiing

Family Info: Husband to Magge of 34 years; 2 daughters (Caitlin and Lucy), 1 son (Daniel), 1 son-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law, and 3 grandchildren



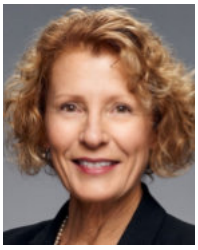
Jan Gammons

Education: FCS (Family Consumer Science); MA in Counseling and MA in Family Life

Church Experience: First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn (Deacon, Elder); Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI (Deacon); WOW group facilitator; Monday Women's Bible Study; Knit for Sew & Sews

Professional Background: English teacher in MI (40 years); President of P.E.O. Naples Group (2016–2018)

Other Interests: Working to clean and furnish apartments in Immokalee



Amy Manley

Education: BS in Agricultural Economics and Applied Finance, Cornell University

Church Experience: Member; Finance Committee member; Member and co-chair for Palms Society; Workshops on Financial Planner matters; Served as Deacon and Deacon Co-Moderator at First Pres; Deacon at Vanderbilt Presbyterian; Volunteer outreach to Cuba; Member, Presbyterian Women; Liturgist, Usher, Greeter, Communion Server, GenWe supporter, and Sew & Sew helper; Volunteer Coordinator at Summer Church in NH

Professional Background: Public Affairs Grumman Corporation; County Administrator, Finger Lakes, NY; Currently Financial Advisor, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER Professional™

Other Interests: Golf, butterfly gardening/raising, ballroom dancing, skiing

Family Info: I have a wonderful husband. Together, we have two wonderful daughters & one son-in-law, two great sons, an amazing daughter-in-law, and 8 grandchildren, with one on the way.



Mark Owens

Education: Florida State, Master's in Curriculum and Instruction

Church Experience: Previous Elder and Head Usher

Professional Background: FL Licensed General Contractor

Other Interests: Mountain sports

Family Info: Son, Nathan, and daughter, Emma



Audrey Smith

Education: BA, Greenville University; MA, Ohio State University; Advanced graduate work, Butler University

Church Experience: Women of the Way (WOW) group leader, Greeter, Usher; Deacon (2024–present)

Professional Background: Elementary school teacher (5 years); High school teacher, German & English (9 years); Real Estate broker/agent (23 years)

Other Interests: Volunteering, travel, history and historic preservation, reading, Bible Study

Family Info: Married to Doug Gibbens. A blended family of 3 children, 16 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

DEACON NOMINEES



Carolyn Bennett (2nd term)

Education: BS, Western Michigan University; credit hours toward an MS in Special Education

Church Experience: Board of Presbyterian Preschool (Columbus, IN); lead teacher for special education program at First Methodist Church (Manchester, CT); Chair of Education Committee at Dover Church (MA); Grounds Committee at First Presbyterian Church of Medford (OR); Deacon and Moderator of Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Professional Background: High School teacher, Head Start teacher's assistant, and Account Assistant at Irwin Management in Columbus, IN

Other Interests: Traveling, reading, playing Bridge, entertaining family and friends, participating in health programs



Heather Carelock (2nd term)

Education: RN, Columbia University; BA, Marymount Manhattan; MPA, New York University

Church Experience: Served as an elder, Sunday School teacher, and member of a Personnel and Membership Committee

Professional Background: Retired hospital administrator

Other Interests: Reading, traveling, and gardening

Family Info: Married to Jim; 1 son (James) and 1 daughter (Jeanne)



Cindy Esler (2nd term)

Education: BA Degree, Bowling Green State University; additional hours. Michigan State University.

Church Experience: 1972-2016 Member of First United Methodist Church, Birmingham, MI. Joined First Presbyterian Church in January 2016 (had attended 2007 until joining).

Professional Background: Elementary Teacher, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, 1968 to 2006, Walled Lake, MI. Second grade: six years; kindergarten: 32 years.

Other Interests: Working part-time at Oh My Gauze, Golf, Reading, Travel, and Gardening.

Family Info: Husband, Bob, deceased in 2017 (married 46 years). Son, Ryan, married to Sarah. They have two children, Samantha (2) and William (5 months). Live in Macomb, Michigan.



Gene Fraley

Education: BA, The Ohio State University (1973)

Church Experience: Served as a Deacon for 2 sessions (Ordained December 17, 2017); Served as Head Usher for 1 session; Currently serving on the Facilities Committee

Professional Background: 48 years as a General Contractor (licensed in 4 states), building custom residential homes in Ohio, Utah, Georgia, and Florida; Retired as Senior Project Manager for London Bay Homes

Other Interests: Served as President of The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Naples, Florida for 8 years; Sat on the Alumni Board at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio

Family Info: Married to Tedra Fraley. Family includes 2 children (Patrick Fraley and Allyson Sicard) and 3 grandchildren (Addy Fraley, Cooper Sicard, and Cameron Sicard).



Tedi Fraley

Education: 3 years of college at The Ohio State University

Church Experience: Taught 1st grade Sunday School (1994); Helped with youth group Silent Auction (1996); Became a Deacon in 2017 for 2 terms; Served as Head Usher in 2025 and currently serve as usher when possible

Professional Background: Special Education and Guidance Secretary for Collier County Public Schools at Lely High School (15 years, 1988–2003); Customer Service Representative for Gulfshore Insurance (2003–2005); Bookkeeper for Lake Hartwell Unlimited LLC in Hartwell, GA (2009–2016); Advertised and operated a VRBO in Hartwell, GA (2010–2011); Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in Hartwell, GA (2011–2013)

Other Interests: Cooking, gardening, reading, shopping, walking, swimming

Family Info: Married to Charles Fraley (Gene) for 52 years. Children: Patrick Fraley (grandchild Adelaine "Addy", 9); Allyson and Josh Sicard (grandchildren Cameron, 14, and Cooper, 11).



Cindy Jones

Education: High School diploma; Some college

Church Experience: Women of the Way (WOW) group; Teaching Bible study; Participated in Vacation Bible School; Instructed children (in past); Presbyterian Women group; Sunshine Group; Taking Stephen Ministry classes & Deacon roles once final

Professional Background: Office management for high-end Real Estate companies

Other Interests: Church, family, nature, gardening, cooking

Family Info: Husband, Logan; Children: Jon, Adam, and Hannah; 2 grandchildren (Adalynd & Emmie)



Cindy McCarthy (2nd term)

Education: Registered Nurse

Church Experience: Nursery Leader, GEMS Counselor, Sunday School Teacher, Women's Bible Study Leader

Professional Background: Retired registered nurse; currently working for two physician offices in medical billing and accounts receivable

Other Interests: Reading, spending time with children, grandchildren, and siblings, playing old hymns on the piano

Family Info: Married to Michael; 3 children and 3 grandchildren



Sarah Miller (2nd term)

Education: Spencerian College of Business (Milwaukee, WI); Carroll College/University (Waukesha, WI)

Church Experience: Baptized at First Presbyterian Church (Merrill, WI); member of Covenant Presbyterian Church (Madison, WI); nursery volunteer, Church School Teacher, Sunday School Co-superintendent; ordained an elder in 1994, ordained a deacon in 1998; served on several committees

Professional Background: Travel Consultant; Executive Director of KidsVoting USA; community volunteer (Wausau Festival of Arts Board, Dreamflight Wausau Steering Committee, YMCA Board of Directors, United Way Allocations panel/chair, Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin board); several other educational and health projects

Other Interests: Reading, golf, various forms of exercise

Family Info: Married to Robert Bret Miller since 1978; 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 daughter-in-law, 1 son-in-law, and 5 grandchildren



Thomas Ryerson

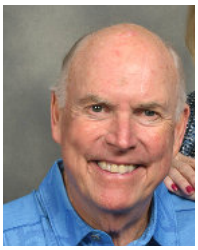
Education: BA in Economics, Northwestern University (1973); JD, Loyola University Chicago (1976)

Church Experience: First Presbyterian Church Glen Ellyn, IL (Elder, Deacon); First Presbyterian Church Naples (Head Usher)

Professional Background: Attorney (1976–2019)

Other Interests: Nature walks, golf

Family Info: Wife: Ann Ryerson. Daughters: Gretchen Ryerson and Jennie Ryerson. Grandsons: Bodhi, Sol, Jaya, and Owen.



Mike Simpson

Education: BA, MBA, Queen's University (Canada)

Church Experience: Member of various Protestant churches in Canada and the USA (United Church of Canada; Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Lutheran); Taught Sunday School in Toronto and Battle Creek

Professional Background: Business executive (positions included Executive VP of Sales and Marketing at Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, MI; EVP of Sales and Marketing at Pepsi-Cola USA in New York; President of Loyalty Marketing Company in Minneapolis); Professional Ski Instructor (PSIA Level 2)

Other Interests: Downhill skiing, golf, visiting with friends, and travel; Lifelong interest in sports (hockey, baseball, basketball, tennis, swimming), high school band, and Boy Scouts (Queen's Scout / Troop Leader)

Family Info: Married to Wendy in 1973. Family includes 3 children and 4 grandchildren (son, daughter, and 2 grandchildren in Minneapolis; daughter and 2 grandchildren in Connecticut; all other relatives in Canada).



Molly Singerling

Education: Hillsdale College

Church Experience: Potomac Presbyterian Church (Potomac, MD); Elder; Taught Sunday School; Involved with Senior High; Youth mission trips; Community Dinners for all

Professional Background: Worked on Capitol Hill; worked on congressional campaigns; worked in schools and preschools.

Other Interests: Golf, reading, and looking after our dog, Divot

Family Info: Husband of 35 years, Jim



Gary Tincu (2nd term)

Education: BS and BA degrees, Youngstown State University; graduate studies in Business, Cleveland State University

Church Experience: Joined a Presbyterian church in 1968; Chair of the Board of Trustees; led numerous stewardship campaigns and a sanctuary renovation campaign

Professional Background: 36 years in Human Resources (30 years with General Electric)

Other Interests: Precinct chairperson for Collier County Republicans (10 years), VP & GM for Naples Orchestra and Chorus (3 years), tenor with Voices of Naples, reading, golf

Family Info: Married to Donna for 55 years; 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren



Kathi Webber (2nd term)

Education: Associate of Science degree, SUNY Orange, NY; licensed dental hygienist

Church Experience: Membership Committee member, Served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Middletown, NY

Professional Background: Professional Fundraiser

Other Interests: Gardening, pickleball, golf, investments

Family Info: Married to Don; 3 sons and 3 grandchildren; brother, sister, nephew, and 3 nieces



David Witman

Education: Suffolk University Law School

Church Experience: Deacon (6 years); Deacon Moderator (2 years); Stephen Minister (10 years); Stephen Ministry Leader (4 years); Adult Education Committee (3 years); Various other committees and activities

Professional Background: Attorney (Retired)

Other Interests: Golf, spiritual practices, walking, music

Family Info: Spouse (Jan); 3 children (Alden, Addison, and Dryden); 6 grandchildren in Wrentham, Massachusetts; Merrimack, New Hampshire; and Scottsdale, Arizona.



Jan Witman

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Business, Lesley University

Church Experience: Served as both Elder and Deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Professional Background: Worked in the legal field as a secretary, paralegal, and law office automation consultant; ran a consulting business helping law firms embrace technology through training and support

Other Interests: Daily walking, yoga, golf, cooking, and sewing

Family Info: Married for 20 years

Staff Listing

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Dedications and additional forms may also be submitted online at ***fpcnaples.org/poinsettia***, or look for "Forms & Sign-Ups" at the bottom of our website homepage.

Please PRINT CLEARLY the information you would like to appear in the dedication:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Your name _____ Phone _____

A list of dedications will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins. You may pick up your poinsettia following the 7 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.