First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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 ***It is Well With My Soul*** CRAIG PHILLIPS

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together REV. REX CHILDS

Moment for Stewardship CINDY ESLER

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 130*)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!
People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
People: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
People: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.
All: More than those who watch for the morning.

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #620 ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*** LAUDA ANIMA

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
   ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
   praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
   in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
   Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Call to Confession REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kingdom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us. Forgive us, O God. Inspire us to put our faith into action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Be thankful and live as one who has been raised to new life!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #580 GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

Children's Time NANCY VAN FLEET

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination HEATHER CARELOCK

Scripture Reading Habakkuk 2:1-4 PEW BIBLE PAGE 762

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

2 Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Response ***Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*** HELMSLEY

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; thousand, thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain: Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign. Now redemption, long expected, comes in solemn splendor near; all the saints this world rejected thrill the trumpet sound to hear: Alleluia! See the day of God appear!

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13 PEW BIBLE PAGE 806

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Sermon ***"Prioritizing Faith"*** 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 ***Keep Your Lamps*** SPIRITUAL, ARR. ANDRÉ THOMAS

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

*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 #362 ***Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*** LLANGLOFFAN

1. Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
   the evening is advancing and darker night is near.
   The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.
   Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.
2. See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
   look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
   The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;
   arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!
3. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
   arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
   With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
   the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ***Toccata in G*** THÉODORE DUBOIS

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

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Chancel Flowers – The chancel flowers have been given by Joan Gust, in loving memory of her loved ones who have gone; and in loving memory of F. Michael Bennett by his family.

Ushers – Thomas Ryerson (head usher), Annie Hyder, Doug Jensen,Tanya Maxwell, Sarah and Bret Miller, Ali Norris, Karen and Roy Parker

Greeters – Cindy Esler, Audrey Smith and Doug Gibbens, Kathi Webber, Deb Streamer

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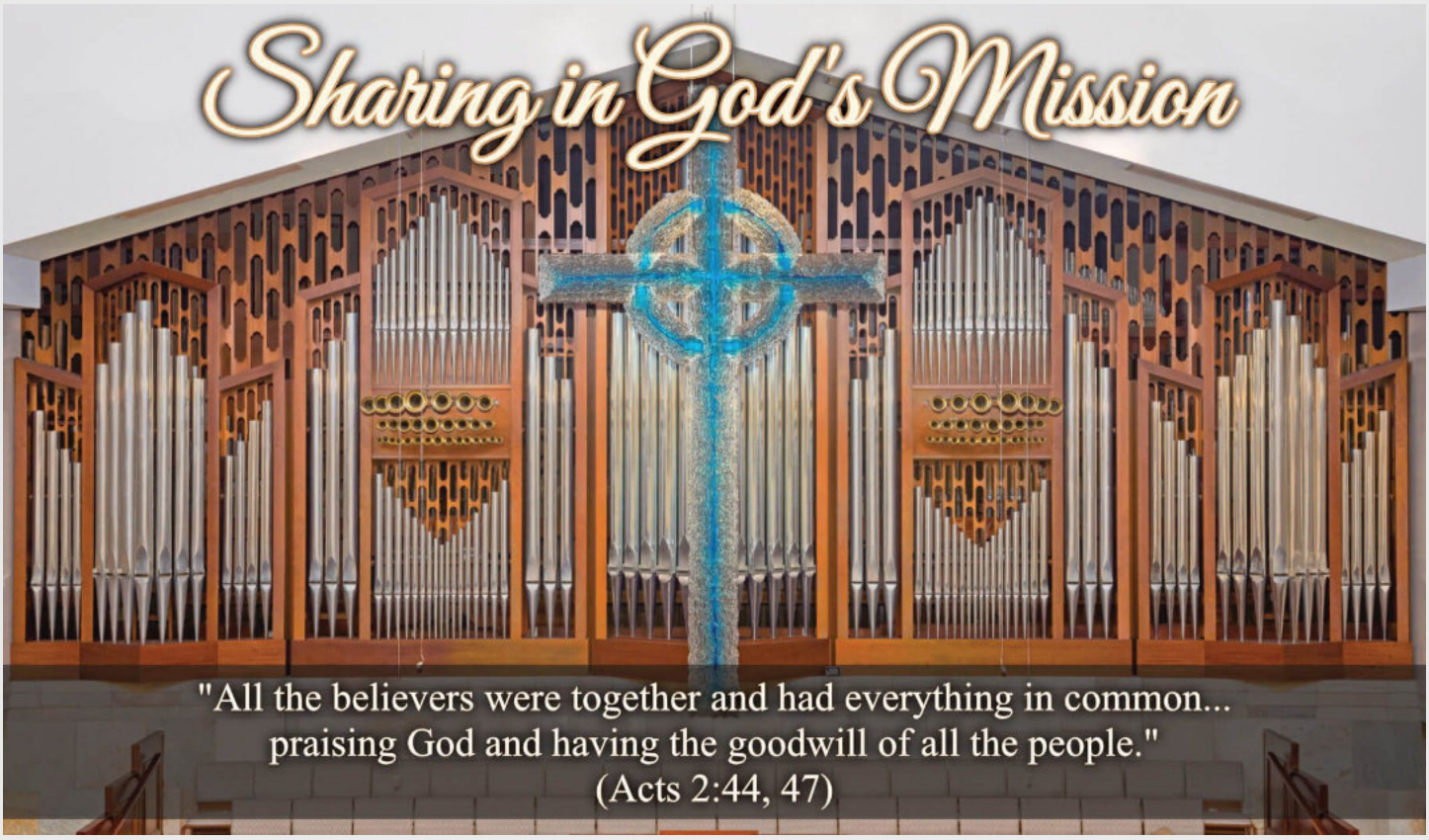
TODAY AT A GLANCE

- **Fellowship & Refreshments –** Following service in Spencer Hall
- **Church Tour –** Following the service at the front of the Sanctuary
- **Caregivers & Care Receivers Support Groups –** Following the service: Caregivers (Parlor) and Care Receivers (Chapel)
- **Feed the 5,000 Collection –** Drop off food donations at the Sixth Street entrance

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

**Please stand, if able*



ONE WEEK UNTIL COMMITMENT SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 15

2027 Stewardship Campaign – *Sharing in God's Mission*

Please join us in supporting First Presbyterian Church through our annual campaign, *Sharing in God's Mission*, inspired by Acts 2:44 and 47. Pledging enables us to faithfully plan and budget for our vibrant worship, ministries, and community outreach in the coming year.

As of November 4, we have received **$780,000 in pledges for 2027 from 107 households. Our goal is $1.75 million from 235 or more households**. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who have pledged to date and for those who are prayerfully considering their commitment.

Whether you are a member or friend, your financial 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*. Pledge cards have been mailed, are in the pew racks, and can be completed online at ***fpcnaples.org/stewardship***.

Commitment Sunday is Next Sunday, November 15

We will dedicate our financial pledges for the coming year. You may submit your pledge by mailing your pledge card, pledging online or bringing your pledge card to church on or before Commitment Sunday.

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

News & Events

New Here? We're Glad You Joined Us – Thank you for spending your Sunday morning with us! After the service, make your way over to Spencer Hall, located immediately behind the Sanctuary, to grab a bite to eat, enjoy a warm drink, and meet a few friendly faces. Please be sure to stop by the Welcome Table so we can greet you personally and share a small gift to remember your visit.

Veterans Day Recognition • November 8 – Presbyterian Women will be handing out stickers to all veterans today in honor of Veterans Day and in appreciation of their service.

Caregivers and Care Receivers Support Groups • November 8 – 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. Lunch will be provided.

Church Tour • November 8 – The Deacons invite you to a "Behind the Scenes" church tour today following service. We will assemble at the front of the Sanctuary for a 30-minute campus tour.

Sew & Sews of Presbyterian Women • November 11 – The Sew & Sews meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 11, in Room 203/204 of the Mase Christian Education Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join—with or without sewing experience—as we continue making quilts for the residents of the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance. Come and stay all day (bring a sack lunch) or drop in for any part of the morning or afternoon.

Evenings at First • November 11 & 18 – Join us for our final two events this Fall.

- **Wednesday, November 11 | Dinner: 5:00 p.m. ($20) • Presentation: 6:00 p.m.** – Author, speaker, and spiritual director Brian Plachta presents "*The Power of Stillness: How to Quiet the Noise and Hear God's Voice*," exploring practical tools to quiet daily distractions and experience God's presence. The presentation is free and open to all. Reserve dinner ($20, payable by cash or check at the door) in Spencer Hall or at ***fpcnaples.org/events***. **Dinner registration closes tomorrow, Monday, November 9, at 4 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, November 18 | Dinner: 5:00 p.m. ($20) • Presentation: 6:00 p.m.** – International bestselling mystery author Jeffery Deaver, presented in partnership with Books on Third. Reserve dinner ($20, payable by cash or check at the door) in Spencer Hall or online. Pre-signed copies of *The Collateral Heart* can be purchased for $38.14 via Eventbrite; visit ***fpcnaples.org/events*** to access the Eventbrite link. Copies at the door will be very limited, so reserving your book in advance is strongly recommended.

Congregational Meeting • November 15 – A meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, November 15, following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons.

- **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

Angel Tree • Arriving November 15 – Look for our annual Angel Tree in Spencer Hall starting November 15! Stop by to select a gift tag and help brighten Christmas for children served by Misión Peniel. Look for gift guidelines in the November *Outreach*.

A Season of Music: Voices of Naples • November 15 – Our concert series continues on Sunday, November 15 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.

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 on 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.

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. Sign up in Spencer Hall.

Interested in Playing Bridge? – Sign up and complete a brief interest survey in Spencer Hall through Sunday, November 8. Organizers Lela Holbert and Karen Parker will contact all participants the week of November 9.

Church Calendar & Room Reservations – To keep our schedule accurate and spaces ready, please notify Facilities Director Jeff Newman of all meetings, schedule changes, or cancellations—including recurring groups and those resuming for the season.

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.

Youth Group • November 11 – Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 4–5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. All youth are invited to connect, have fun, and explore our new series, *Who Do You Say I Am?* Contact Nancy Van Fleet with any questions.

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

Feed the 5,000 Collection • November 8 – This month, your donations will help replenish the **Youth Haven** 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".

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
Edison Martinez
Dean Matthews
James McDonald
Laura McGuire
Lynn Mier
Katherine Miller
Robert Newsom
Rita O'Brian
Claire Peek

Dave Priatko
*Linda and John Rader
Pat and Gary Schneider
Teresa Shewmaker
*Mark Speake
Chuck Tenley
*Melinda Younkin
Valerie and Peter Walters
Glenn Watson
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.

Staff Listing

Name	Phone: 239.262.1311	Ext.	E-mail
Ministers			
Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff		2035	aaronj@fpcnaples.org
Rev. Rex Childs, Associate Pastor		2027	rexc@fpcnaples.org
Worship & Music			
Dr. Brice Gerlach, Director of Music Ministries		2039	briceg@fpcnaples.org
Taylor Irvan, Sound and Video Operator			
Christian Education			
Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries		2029	nancyv@fpcnaples.org
Nancy Brooks, LPN, Childcare			
Lizzy Carter, Christian Education Assistant		2036	lizzyc@fpcnaples.org
Emmanuel Giraldo-Castano, Kidz Lab Assistant			
Office			
Debbie Savage, Executive Director		2042	debbies@fpcnaples.org
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Sandy Knight, Office Assistant/Receptionist		2000	sandyk@fpcnaples.org
Josh Miller, Marketing and Communications Coordinator		2013	joshm@fpcnaples.org
Susan Pratt, Coordinator of Membership and Caring Ministries		2037	susanp@fpcnaples.org
Facilities			
Jeff Newman, Director of Facilities		2028	jeffn@fpcnaples.org
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Nick Zamagni, Custodian		2016	nickz@fpcnaples.org
Preschool			
Delia Buckley, Preschool Director		2009	deliab@fpcnaples.org
Katie Schutt, Preschool Administrative Assistant		2038	katies@fpcnaples.org



Please fill out the form below and return it with payment to the church office (note **Poinsettia Dedication** on check memo). The cost is **$25 per poinsettia**. All orders must be received no later than **Sunday, December 6**. Please use one form per dedication.

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.