

# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
GenWE Sunday  
February 1, 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

**Arioso**

J. S. BACH, ARR. VIRGIL FOX

## THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

Moment for Mission

TOM CLARK

## SERVICE OF PREPARATION

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 15)

Leader: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

**People: May we hear your call and speak your truth.**

Leader: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

**People: Gather us in honest and faithful community.**

Leader: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

**People: Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.**

Leader: Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

**All: Alleluia. Amen.**

## A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

\*Hymn of Praise #307

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

CWM RHONDDA

1. *God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*
2. *Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*
3. *Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*
4. *Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, you have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. We overlook the meek and take advantage of the weak. We are more devoted to order than to justice. We prefer negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of righteousness. We seek revenge rather than offer mercy. We have failed to do what is right. Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day.***

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**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!***

## THE WORD

Children's Time

NANCY VAN FLEET

Prayer for Illumination

GREGORY GRIFFIN

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

PEW BIBLE PAGE 757

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." <sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Response

***Lead Me, Lord***

SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

***"Jesus' Alternative Plan"***

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

\*Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967)

***In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations! Amen.***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

***Lord, Here Am I***

JOHN NESS BECK

\*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.***

## TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*Communion Hymn

***Eat This Bread***

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

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.***

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying:

***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

***Andante Sostenuto  
(Symphonie Gothique)***

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

***Pastorale***

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

Prayer of Blessing

## GOING FORTH

\*Hymn of Commitment #418

***Softly and Tenderly***

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

1. *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*  
Refrain: *"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling "O sinner, come home!"*
2. *Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?* Refrain.
3. *O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.* Refrain.

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

### ***Grand Triumphal Chorus***

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

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

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### **Guests and Visitors - Welcome**

We are so glad you joined us in worship this morning.  
Please visit our Welcome Table in Spencer Hall  
for a gift and join us for refreshments.

### **GenWE**

Join us in Spencer Hall after the service as we come together to show our love in action!  
We will be creating heartfelt valentines for members of our church family who are unable to  
attend services. Your participation makes a difference, so let's spread God's love and  
brighten someone's day. See you there!

### **Chancel Flowers**

The Chancel flowers are given by  
Deborah and Giovanni Lorenz in honor of their son's birthday.

### **Ushers**

Bill Kearney (head usher), Logan Gibbs, Sally Jackson, Sharlene Kearney,  
Pat and Bob MacMinn, Kathy Norgart and Chuck Mundt, Saralene Oldham,  
Betty Plum, Kate and Nicholas Stewart

### **Greeters**

Mary and Jay Chesslo, Cindy Esler, Sarah and Bret Miller

### **Hospitality Table**

GenWE

## News & Events

### GenWE Sunday

Today is GenWE Sunday. These special Sundays encourage us to gather across generations to worship together. Nursery care is available for children in preschool and younger and there is also a Wiggle Room adjacent to the sanctuary for those who want to watch the service while their children have a place to play. We have worship boxes for children to help parents guide them through the service in an interactive way. Please ask an usher for one.

### Girl Scouts Cookie Sales During Fellowship Time this morning

Support our Girl Scouts as they will be selling your favorite cookies. A sampling will be featured during coffee hour in Spencer Hall.

### Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPCN single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. Sign up in Spencer Hall after the service to join us.

**The Presbyterian Women's luncheon** will be held on February 4 at noon. Speaker is Cassandra Laymon of Beacon Wealth Consultants. Cost is \$10. Reservations are available after church in Spencer Hall or by calling Lela Holbert (561-526-6994).

### Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

All men are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 7 at 8 a.m. in the Youth Room. Coffee, refreshments and fellowship will precede the program. For more information, please contact Bill Kearney at [skearney239@comcast.net](mailto:skearney239@comcast.net).

**Wednesdays at First:** Dinner (\$15, cash or check at the door) is held in Spencer Hall at 5:15 p.m. The programs are free of charge and will be held in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Reservations for dinner must be made by the Monday prior to the event. Registration for the program is appreciated. Please sign up in Spencer Hall or on our website.

**February 4** we welcome **Dr. Suzanne McDonald**, a professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at Western Theological Seminary (WTS) in Holland, Michigan. Dr. McDonald's topic will be "In the End... What? Thinking well about Eschatology." There is much confusion and fear over how Christians think about "the end of times." We will explore some aspects of what the Bible teaches us about eschatology - our hope for the time when Jesus Christ will come again in glory to set all things right and make all things new.

**February 11:** Rev. Dr. Scott Rennie, from St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland

### Misión Peniel Work Day

The Missions Committee has scheduled a work day at Misión Peniel in Immokalee for Friday, February 6. We will travel by church bus, leaving at 12:30 p.m., visit the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance before traveling to Misión Peniel to prepare food and diaper bags, distributing them to the people of Immokalee. Please wear comfortable shoes. The bus will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. Sign up in Spencer Hall.

### Meals of Hope

Join us on Saturday, February 28 for our annual *Meals of Hope Packing Party*. The ideal packing event involves 100 enthusiastic, caring volunteers to measure, weigh, seal and label nutritional meals for those in need. It's a fun and rewarding experience for all. Arrival time: 8:45 a.m. Sign up in Spencer Hall. For additional information please contact Barbara Beach at [btousaw@yahoo.com](mailto:btousaw@yahoo.com).

### Seekers and Joiners Class

If you are interested in learning more about this church, its faith and how we worship, love, grow and serve in the heart of Naples with the love of God, please join us for our Seekers and Joiners class in the Chapel on Sunday, February 15 following the worship service. We will encourage you in your faith journey 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 at the exit doors or in Spencer Hall or at the Welcome Table. You may register by calling the church office or emailing Susan Pratt.

### Deacon Sunday

You are invited to join us on Sunday, February 15 for our annual Deacon Sunday. Refreshments will be served and it will be a wonderful time to meet your parish deacon and fellowship with others.

## Children, Youth and Young Adult

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

### Wiggle Room and Nursery

Families with young children are welcome to use the Wiggle Room located outside the Sanctuary. There is also a nursery located upstairs in the Mase Christian Education Building where you can enjoy the church service via live stream while your kids play in our spacious and toy-filled nursery.

### Youth Group

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth to connect, grow, and have fun with their peers! Join us for our next gathering on Wednesday, February 11.

## Weekly Bible Studies

**Preparing the Way, Adult Sunday School** - Join Rev. Rex Childs on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. 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.

**Women's Ministry Bible Study** - meets each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Parlor. We are currently studying the book of Nehemiah. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at [jrmc@airmcclure.com](mailto:jrmc@airmcclure.com).

**HUDDLE - A Men's Bible Discussion Group** - All men are invited and encouraged to bring their lunch and gather Thursday at noon in Spencer Hall. This Thursday we will begin studying the book *Luke in the Land*, by Kristi McLelland. In this study we will read ahead for each session. The book is available on Amazon or Books on Third. If you would prefer to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

## Giving Opportunities

### Feed the 5,000

This month your donations will help replenish the food pantry of Grace Place. 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 to the church office during regular work hours. Checks may be made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and placed in the collection plate.

### 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 [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

"The Grace of Giving" is our 2026 Generosity Campaign theme, based on 2 Corinthians 8:7. Thank you so much to all of you who have already submitted your 2026 pledge! We have received 205 pledges totaling \$1.34M, about 77% of our goal. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, you may take a card from the pew or complete one online at [www.fpcnaples.org/give](http://www.fpcnaples.org/give).

Financial Snapshot through Dec 31, 2025	vs 2024		
	2025	2024	Fav/(Unfav)
Income - Year to date	3,110,699	2,895,461	215,238
Expenses - Year to date	3,110,610	2,877,151	233,459
Net Income (shortfall) - Year to date	89	18,310	(18,221)

## Staff Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone: 239.262.1311</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
<b>Ministers</b>			
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Paige Buck, Assistant Preschool Director		2038	paigeb@fpcnaples.org

## 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.*

Marina Anglim	Rick Krinitt	Linda Nickerson	The U.S. Military
Ellen Bergendahl	Edison Martinez	Charles Rice	Stephen Ministers/Care
*Sue Dotson	Mary Matvias	*Patty Rutzler	Receivers
Lucas Eyler	*Jerry Miller	Gary Schneider	All serving Missionaries
Dan Gagliano	Katherine Miller	Austin Schuessler	Central Presbyterian
*Fred Hertel	Roberta Miller	Chris Sluder	Reformed Church, Cuba
Lynn Hertel	*Roger Miller	Varsames Family	
*Dee Hook	Ryan Munchel	Valerie Walters	
Chuck Hoover	Elizabeth Murray	Carol Ward	
Kyler James	Marilyn Naiman	Nancy Westlund	
Jane Jones	Joseph Newman		
		*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.



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