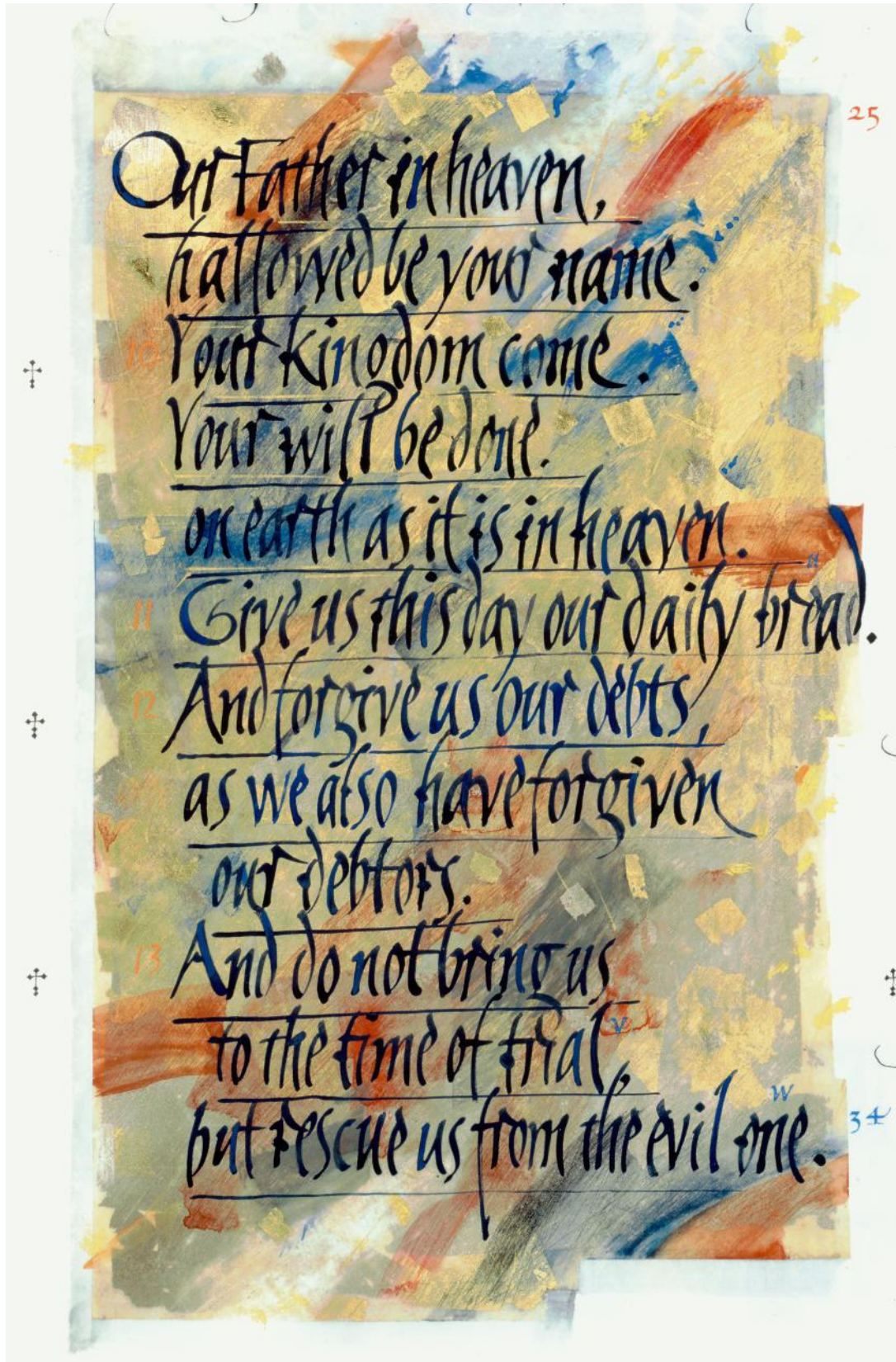


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



Lord's Prayer, Donald Jackson

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025
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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PAUL MANZ

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; God's glory will dwell in our land.

People: Let us hear what God will speak!

Leader: Righteousness and peace will kiss each other; faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

People: Let us hear what God will speak!

Leader: God will speak peace to God's people, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

People: Let us hear what God will speak!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

- 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*
- 3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;
the one eternal God whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon (Galatians 5:13)

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BYRDIE TATUM SMITH, BARON LOUIS SMITH

REV. REX CHILDS
ELDER NED CAMUTI

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of New Members

ELDER NED CAMUTI

JON DEMOSS, NANCY SMYTHE, SHELIAH WALL (in absentia)

Questions of Members

Question of the Congregation

Elder: Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture these members by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

Congregation: We do.

Welcome

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.

Prayer

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

BETTY PLUM

Scripture Reading

Psalm 138

PEW BIBLE PAGE 503

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. ⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-13

PEW BIBLE PAGE 845

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Affirmation of Faith (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us. The eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ 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 we say about God, ourselves, and the world.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

ARR. BENJAMIN HARRISON

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone; Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood. Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how; though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were over, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore!"

*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 #465 ***What A Friend We Have in Jesus***

CONVERSE

1. *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*
2. *Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*
3. *Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

NICOLAS JACQUES LEMMENS

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

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given
in loving memory of Julia Thompson Smith, by her family.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Magge and Ned Camuti, Pat and Bob MacMinn,
Karen and Roy Parker, Betty Plum, Kitty Wildman

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Sylvia and Jack Marsh

Hospitality Table

Karen Parker

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.

*Linda Arsenault	Jim Kier	Cheryl & Greg Spates	
*Ruth Batcher	Rick Krinitt	Alicia Stevens	The U.S. Military
Darryl Bernhardt	Ryan Krug	*Larry Succop	
John Caldwell & family	*Mariellen Lemasters	*Lois Tichenor	Stephen Ministers/Care
*Sue Dotson	Edison Martinez	*JoAnn Van Dyke	Receivers
*Pam Fisher	*Steve McClure	Ben Vernia	
Dan Gagliano	Katherine Miller	Carol Ward	All serving Missionaries
*Mary Gahagan	Roberta Miller	Shirley Webb	
Maureen Gahagan	*Roger Miller	Lauren & Peter Zoubek	Central Presbyterian
*Katie Geshay	Ryan Munchel		Reformed Church, Cuba
Jenny Gieselman	Schuessler family	*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.

News & Events

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.

Nominations for Church Elder and Deacon

The Nominating Committee seeks your help in identifying those among us who might be a candidate to serve as a Ruling Elder or as a Deacon. We ask each member to prayerfully reflect on whom you believe God is calling to lead us in these two important ministries and to nominate those persons.

If you want to self-nominate and/or nominate another, there is a separate form for Deacon Nominees and Elder Nominees. Each form begins with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order requirements for the specific ordained office. We hope this helps each member understand the sought-after qualities of elders and deacons, as well as the responsibilities held by each office. If you are nominating another, you do not need to seek the nominee's permission to nominate them. Simply nominate them and the Nominating Committee will take it from there! Nomination forms are available at the exit doors, church office and on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Beach, Committee Chair, at btousaw@yahoo.com or call 239.877.6064. All nomination forms should be submitted today. Instructions on how to submit forms are at the bottom of each nomination form.

Cookbooks Available

We have several extra 2002 Presbyterian Women's Cookbooks available in Spencer Hall. Please feel free to take one and/or gift one! There are over 500 delicious recipes from members and friends past and present. We bet you'll find a favorite or two!

Lunch Bunch

Join other FPCN singles for lunch each Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. Sign up in Spencer Hall after the service to join us.

Stephen Ministry

Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we offer at FPCN. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, are trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are going through a difficult time. To learn more or to pray with a Stephen Minister, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall or contact the church office.

Membership at First Presbyterian Church

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our dynamic church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. Please contact either Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake, Rev. Rex Childs or Susan Pratt.

Weekly Bible Studies

Women's Ministry Bible Study Join us on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Parlor for the study of the Gospel of Mark. For 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 with us each Thursday at noon. If you prefer, please contact the church office for Zoom instructions and a link to the meeting.

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.

Join Us for Our Last Fun Day School!

Today, don't miss our exciting theme: Around the World Adventure! It's the perfect way to wrap up our fun days before we take a break from regular programming on August 3. We'll still provide childcare during this break, and the Wiggle Room is always available.

Back to School Blessing

Join us for a blessing during the service on Sunday, August 10. Students will receive a water bottle as a gift to personalize at our decorating station. Enjoy refreshments at our Open House following the service in the Youth Room.

Sacred Seasons Box Sign Up

We invite you to sign up for our Sacred Seasons boxes! Each box is thoughtfully filled with simple yet meaningful practices designed to help families explore the sacredness of life together. Fall Box Launch: Wednesday, September 17. Theme: Growing Family Faith on the Go. Don't miss out on this amazing resource that fosters joy and faith formation in your home! To sign up or learn more, please reach out to Ashley Henning.

Middle School Youth Group Launch!

Join us starting Wednesday, September 10 for our exciting Middle School Youth Group! We will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 4 - 5:30 p.m. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth to connect, grow, and have fun with their peers!

Giving Opportunities

Texas Flooding Relief

We have all seen videos and read about the devastation caused by the flooding in Texas. Session has approved a special offering for donations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) fund, which will aid those impacted by the floods. Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "PDA" or "Texas Flood" in the memo line, and placed in the collection plate. Donations may also be made online at www.fpcnaples.org/give by selecting the 'Texas Flooding Disaster Relief' option from the Fund drop down menu.

Online Giving Update

The staff continues to make progress in learning the features of our new **Realm** software. As a reminder- if you previously had an online account set up through Access ACS, you will no longer be able to log into that site. You will need to set up your new account with a new password in order to make changes. Once the new account is set up, all your previous data will be automatically transferred.

If you have recurring online giving already set up, your contributions have continued to be processed. In the near future, we will be sending out an email invitation to create your new account with **Realm – Connect**. In the meantime, please contact Debbie Savage if you need to make immediate changes to your online giving information.

Financial Snapshot through June 30, 2025

Income – Year to date	\$1,328,783
Expenses – Year to date	\$1,453,113
Net Income (shortfall) – Year to date	\$ (124,330)

Staff Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone: 239.262.1311</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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Barry Krikke, AV and Technology Coordinator		2044	barryk@fpcnaples.org
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Preschool			
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