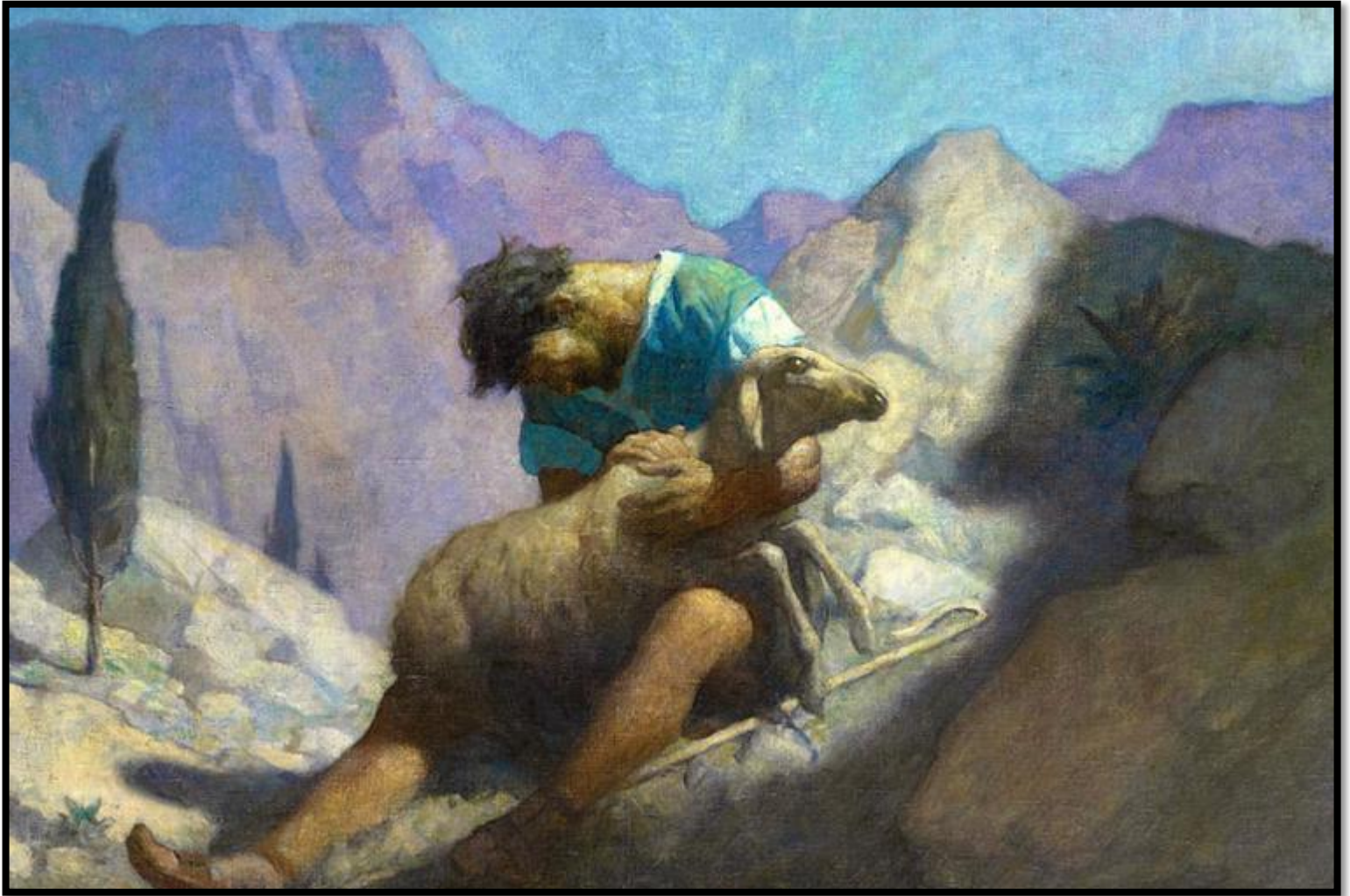


First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



"The Lost Sheep," by N.C. Wyeth, ca. 1926

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 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

Andante (Organ Concerto in F Major)

G. F. HANDEL

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

People: *that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*

Leader: Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended. God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,

People: *for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them,*

Leader: so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy, who seeks and saves the lost.

All: *Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!*

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
- 3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*
- 4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. We have done wrong and failed to keep your commandments. We have separated ourselves from each other and your love. You desire truth in our inward being therefore teach us wisdom, create in us clean hearts, and put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that we might rejoice with you once again.

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; new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

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

TERESA DOANE

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-10

PEW BIBLE PAGE 452

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Almighty Father, hear our prayer, and bless all souls that wait before thee. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

PEW BIBLE PAGE 850

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Lost Things"

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

*Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

CARL F. MUELLER

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God!

*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.***

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. *To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he hath done!*

2. *Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Pisgah

DALE WOOD

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

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given by
William M. Morgan in loving memory of Angela Ramseur Morgan

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Tedi and Gene Fraley, Lucy Koll, Cheryl Myers

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Sharon Newman, Deb Streamer

Hospitality Table

Saralene Oldham

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	Rick Krinitt	Ryan Munchel	The U.S. Military
*Ruth Batcher	Ryan Krug	*Janet Root	
Paige Buck	*Mariellen Lemasters	Schuessler family	Stephen Ministers/Care
John Caldwell & family	Edison Martinez	Cheryl & Greg Spates	Receivers
*Sue Dotson	Hunter McDonald	*Lois Tichenor	
*Pam Fisher	*Jerry Miller	Carol Ward	All serving Missionaries
Dan Gagliano	Katherine Miller	Shirley Webb	
Jenny Gieselman	Roberta Miller	Nancy Westlund	Central Presbyterian
	*Roger Miller	Ellen Zimmerman	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.

Weekly Bible Studies

Preparing the Way, Adult Sunday School

Every Sunday, we meet at 9 a.m. in the Chapel to discuss the New Testament Bible reading on which that day's sermon is based. Rev. Rex Childs facilitates these lively and insightful sessions which are designed to give those who attend a preview and better understanding of the sermon passage. Everyone is welcome to join these sessions to discuss the passages and to enjoy good fellowship with other church members. Coffee is available in Spencer Hall by 8:45 a.m. Please let Rev. Childs know if you wish to receive advance email notification of which passages will be discussed, or you can obtain the readings from our Thursday e-blast.

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 each Thursday at noon in the Parlor. If you prefer, please contact the church office for Zoom instructions and meeting link.

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.

Church Tour

The Deacons invite you to a "Behind the Scenes" church tour this morning following the service. We will assemble at the front of the Sanctuary for a 30 minute tour of the campus.

Presbyterian Women Circles

The Presbyterian Women begin their new study in October, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ." Books (\$10) are available in Spencer Hall this morning. Studies are held once a month from October through May and meet on the third Tuesday at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. The monthly PW Gathering lunches with programs will begin on Wednesday, November 5. More information to follow. Please visit the table in Spencer Hall for information on the Circles: Lydia and Grace.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

All men are invited to gather on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. On September 17 we will meet at 8 a.m. in the Youth Room for the topic, "Getting to Know the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan." We will return to our series, "Famous Religious Art and Artists" in October. For more information please contact group leader, Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

Women of the Way (WOW)

All women of the church are invited to a 7-week study of *The Origin Stories, Genesis 1-11*. Join WOW each Thursday at 8:30 a.m., October 2 - November 13, in Spencer Hall. Using videos by Fr. Terence Chandra, we will explore the creation stories with fresh eyes, reflecting on the origins of human nature and uncovering deeper truths for our lives today. We will share in study, small group discussion, and warm fellowship. Bring a friend! Zoom access will be available. To register, sign up in Spencer Hall after worship or call Gay Stover at 417.274.6619.

Mindful and Faithful Eating

This program reflects our dedication to nurturing every member of our community by offering a variety of nutritious food options in Spencer Hall. Our goal is to create an environment where everyone feels welcomed and cared for, accommodating diverse dietary needs. Visit our food cart following the service to learn more about our initiative, and support our commitment to mindful and faithful eating! Contact Nancy Van Fleet for additional information.

Scheduling Meetings & Events

Please note: Now that we are entering a busier time of year, we want to remind you to please schedule ALL meetings, whether in-person, Zoom or hybrid, through Jeff Newman, Director of Facilities. Please do not assume that a room is available just because it isn't being used at that time. This includes all classrooms, the Youth Room, Parlor, Spencer Hall and the Conference Room.

Hearing Loop Available

To use the Loop, a hearing instrument user switches their hearing aid or cochlear implant to the "T" position on the hearing instrument or smartphone app upon entering the sanctuary. For those without hearing aids, we have a limited number of special Loop Receivers or Loop Listeners available upon request. If you would like help testing out the Loop, or with your hearing device settings, please contact Barry Krikke, AV and Technology Coordinator.

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.

Kidz Lab is our Sunday school program inviting children K - grade 5, (older children are invited to assist) on a faith formation journey aligned with the weekly lectionary choices. Children will engage in the same scriptures that their parents hear in church, fostering opportunities for family conversations and reflection after the service. We meet after the Children's Time on the 2nd floor of the Mase Education Building. Pick up is in Spencer Hall after the service.

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.

Sacred Seasons Box

For those who ordered a Sacred Seasons Box, you may collect them in Spencer Hall. Family names are printed on each box.

Middle School 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!

Fall Festival - Trunk or Treat - Pumpkin Patch

Our annual festival of fun, games, food and more will be held on Friday, October 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The Christian Education team needs volunteers to make this community event a success. If you would like to help, please sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Ashley Henning to see where you might lend a hand.

Family Newsletter Spotlight

Did you know that each week, we send out a family newsletter to keep our families informed of the fantastic events and activities happening at FPCN for our children and youth? Want to be part of the fun? Simply email Ashley Henning to put your name on the mailing list.

Giving Opportunities

Feed the 5,000

This month your donations will help replenish the food pantry of St. Matthew's House. Food contributions will be collected at the Sixth Street church entrance today. 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.

Summer Giving Update

A huge **Thank You** to all of you who so generously continue to contribute either pledged or non-pledged gifts. We are in the 'slow' time of year for contributions, and in the 'busy' time of year for expenses, so your continued financial support is truly appreciated.

Financial Snapshot through July 31, 2025

Income – Year to date	\$1,663,996
Expenses – Year to date	<u>\$1,816,634</u>
Net Income (shortfall) – Year to date	\$ (152,668)

Staff Listing

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Barry Krikke, AV and Technology Coordinator		2044	barryk@fpcnaples.org
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Jack Fogelman, Kidz Lab Teacher			
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