

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 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

Prière à Notre Dame

LÉON BOËLLMANN

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Like clay on a wheel

People: God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.

Leader: And like moldable clay,

People: God continues to shape us.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

1. *Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*
2. *Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*
3. *Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know our thoughts and are acquainted with all our ways. We have tried to be faithful and obedient, but you know all the ways that we fall short. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. Forgive us, O God, and help us to amend our ways. We are in your hands and ask that you mold us and shape us so that we may conform more closely to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #581

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!

**Please stand, if able*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

WILL NELSON

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

PEW BIBLE PAGE 503

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them-they are more than the sand; I come to the end-I am still with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Change My Heart, O God

EDDIE ESPINOSA

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true, change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

PEW BIBLE PAGE 629

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶"Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?" says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God the Artist"

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

*Affirmation of Faith (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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Feed Me, Lord

ARR. PATRICK M. LIEBERGEN

Feed me, Lord, give me peace restored. Cleanse my soul, make me whole, Lamb of God adored.
Broken bread, sacred cup, these I share today. Take my life, heal my strife, Lord, show me the way.
Amazing grace come down to me, a gift from God above. Feed me Lord, feed me with God's eternal
love. Amazing grace removes my pain; the cup I long to share; O Lord, your spirit shall remain. I live
within your care. Feed me, Lord, Lamb of God adored.

*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 #516 (vs. 1,2,4) ***For the Bread Which You Have Broken***

KINGDOM

1. *For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.*
2. *By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.*
4. *In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

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

***Sometimes "Alleluia"
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

CHUCK GIRARD, ARR. FRED BOCK
HELEN LEMMEL, ARR. BOCK

Prayer of Blessing

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

- 1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Grand Choeur in C

CHARLES-ALEXIS CHAUVET

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

Congregational Meeting

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given by Patty Rutzler in loving memory of her son, Jay, on his 53rd birthday
and by
Barbara Beach with thanks and gratitude to the Nominating Committee
for their dedication of time and caring
and by
John Summerfield and Marie Hayes, in loving memory of Harold L. Summerfield and
in honor of Harold A. Summerfield

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Sharlene Kearney, Pat and Bob MacMinn,
Chuck Mundt and Kathy Norgart, Betty Plum, Kitty Wildman

Hospitality Table

Barbara Collins

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	*John Smith II	The U.S. Military
*Ruth Batcher	Ryan Krug	Cheryl & Greg Spates	
Paige Buck	*Mariellen Lemasters	*Lois Tichenor	Stephen Ministers/Care
John Caldwell & family	Edison Martinez	*JoAnn Van Dyke	Receivers
*Sue Dotson	Hunter McDonald	Carol Ward	
*Ruth England	Katherine Miller	Shirley Webb	All serving Missionaries
*Pam Fisher	Roberta Miller	Nancy Westlund	
Dan Gagliano	*Roger Miller		Central Presbyterian
*Mary Gahagan	Ryan Munchel	*church member	Reformed Church, Cuba
Maureen Gahagan	*Janet Root		
Jenny Gieselmann	Schuessler family		

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.

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.

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.

Church Tour

The Deacons invite you to a "Behind the Scenes" church tour on Sunday, September 14 following the service. We will assemble at the front of the Sanctuary for a 30 minute tour of the campus. Sign up in Spencer Hall or contact Sarah Nichols at sarahnichols@gmail.com.

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 inclusive 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

All people with hearing loss understand there is a difference between "hearing" and "understanding." Other assistive listening systems allow you to *hear* a sound but not necessarily understand what you are hearing—the Hearing Loop allows you to *understand*. 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.

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 a link to the meeting.

Giving Opportunities

Deacon Fund Sunday

One of the missions of the Deacons is charitable outreach through our Benevolence Fund. We rely solely on contributions from our congregation. Donations can be made through the pink envelopes in the pews or directly online at www.fpcnaples.org/give designating "Deacon Fund."

Feed the 5,000

This month your donations will help replenish the food pantry of St. Matthew's House. 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.

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)

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.

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. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ashley Henning.

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.

Join Our Children and Youth Choir

We're excited to announce that our Children and Youth Choir will begin Sunday, September 7. We invite all children and youth to be a part of this wonderful opportunity. Rehearsals will take place twice a month following the service at 11:15 a.m. in the Children's Choir Room. Throughout the year our choir will sing during services, led by our Director of Music, Dr. Brice Gerlach. Don't miss out on the fun and the joy of making music together!

Middle School Youth Group Launch!

Join us beginning 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. in the Youth Room. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth to connect, grow, and have fun with their peers!

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.

2025 Pastor Nominating Committee Nominees

A meeting of the congregation will take place on this morning following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.

The nominees are: Cindy Esler, Jacque Foust, Jack Marsh, Cindy McCarthy, Marc Miller, Dorrit Nelson and Janet Yanushefski.



Cindy Esler

Education: B.A. in Education from Bowling Green State University; Graduate work at Michigan State University

Church Experience: Deacon for six years; worked at the Preschool for three years

Professional Background: Kindergarten teacher for 38 years in Walled Lake, Michigan

Other Interests: Golfing, gardening

Family Info: Widowed in 2017; "Nana" to three wonderful grandchildren ages two, six and eight; Mom to a terrific son and his wife.



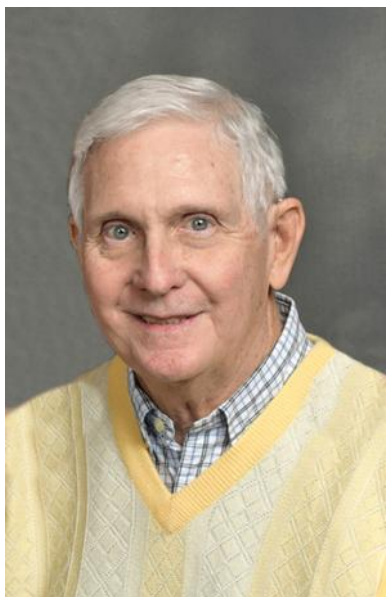
Jacque Foust

Education: B.S. in Business from Indiana University, Bloomington; M.B.A. from the University of Oklahoma, Norman; Doctorate from the University of Saint Thomas, St. Paul, MN

Church Experience: Elder, Mission Committee member, Membership Committee member, Usher, Huddle participant, Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship participant, Saint John's Bible Committee

Professional Background: UBS Wealth Management, Chicago; VP Commodities Trading Associate Dean College of Business and Economics, University of Wisconsin, River Falls

Other Interests: Travel, Art, Board of Directors Lighthouse of Collier



Jack R. Marsh

Education: 1962 High School Graduate, Durand Area High School, Durand, MI; Ferris State University (1963-1964) and Michigan State University (1964-1965)

Church Experience: Member, Methodist Church, Vernon, MI (1962-1980); Member, Presbyterian Church, Flushing, MI (1990-2002); Attendee, Presbyterian Church, Marco Island, FL (2002-2004); Member, First Presbyterian Church of Naples (2005-present); Deacon (2009-2014); Stephen Minister (2015-present); Head Usher (2014-present); Active participant in Men's Fellowship and Bible Study

Professional Background: US Navy (1964-1969); Family Business (1969-2002); Co-owner and Corporate Vice President; Production Manager of the Durand location; Company Safety Director; Board of Directors, Vice President; Involved in two state-level construction trade associations; Residential Real Estate Sales, Naples, FL (2002-2024)

Other Interests: Golfing, physical fitness, college football, family, Christian fellowship and caregiving

Family Info: Married to Sylvia since March 2016; Together they have three sons and one daughter, four granddaughters and three grandsons



Cindy McCarthy

Education: High School Graduate, Western Michigan Christian High School; Registered Nurse Degree from Hackley School of Nursing

Church Experience: Sunday School Teacher, Nursery Coordinator, GEMS Counselor, Pianist

Professional Background: Cardiac Step Down Unit, Mercy Hospital, Muskegon, MI; Office Nurse, Arden Alexander MD Rheumatologist, Muskegon MI for 22 years

Other Interests: Reading novels, watching sports, walking, spending time with family

Family Info: Married to Mike for 44 years; three children; three grandchildren



Marc Miller

Education: B.A., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC; M.B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Church Experience: First Presbyterian Church of Naples: Mission Committee, served on Interim Pastor Hiring Committee; Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago: Member for 42 years, Elder and Trustee for multiple terms, Personnel Committee for 20 years serving, 10 years as Chair; Member of three Pastor Nominating Committees; McCormick Theological Seminary: Trustee for 12 years

Professional Background: Strategic Planning, consulting and leading venture-backed business start-ups in hardware/software and technology fields, primarily serving as Chief Operating or Chief Marketing Officer; Retired 2023 after serving 12 years as Chief Development and Marketing Officer for the Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum; Currently part-time fundraising consultant supporting not-for-profit organizations

Other Interests: Board of Visitors at Wake Forest University

Family Info: Married to Chris Horsman



Dorrit Nelson

Education: B.S., Accounting, St. Francis College, NY; M.A., Organizational Leadership, Columbia University, NY

Church Experience: Elder, Deacon, Auditor at Yorktown Presbyterian Church, NY; Elder and Stephen Minister at Rye Presbyterian Church, NY; Hudson Valley Presbytery—PNC Committee, NY; Elder and Mission Outreach at Moorings Presbyterian Church, Naples, FL

Professional Background: Operations Manager, Deutsche Bank (Wall Street for 38 years); Sales Practice Manager, New York Stock Exchange, NY; Business Manager, Office of Fraud Detection and Market Intelligence (FINRA)

Other Interests: Member of Naples Woman's Club and Delasol Bridge Club; Travel (visited all 7 continents); Missionary work in five different countries

Family Info: Married for 51 years; two adult children and two grandchildren; wrote and published my life story (Memoir), *Perseverance Passion Prayer*



Janet Yanushefski

Education: B.A., Albright College; M.S., Villanova University

Church Experience: Current Moderator of Deacons; Usher; WOW participant; previously Sunday School Teacher, Christian Education Committee, Nursery School Board, Women's Group Leader, Elder

Professional Background: Retired as Technology Manager, SEI Investments

Other Interests: Golf, travel

Family Info: Married to Alex, four adult children and seven grandchildren

Staff Listing

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