

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

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



**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Graduation Milestones - GenWE Sunday
Holy Communion
May 3, 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

Chant de Mai (May Song)

JOSEPH JONGEN

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFACE

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on him we build our lives.

People: We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts, for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.

Leader: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

People: With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*Hymn of Praise #321

The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

AURELIA

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Prayer of Confession

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have been our example. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our hearts to your truth, mold our will to your way, and lead us into the new life you freely offer us.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: 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!

**Please stand, if able*

Unison Prayer

God of Creation, we thank you that you have promised to be with us through every season in life. May all those we honored today be forever reminded of this truth as they step into a new chapter of life and faith. Guide them with Your boundless love, as they venture into the future You are lovingly preparing for them. Amen.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

ALYSSA COPPENS

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

PEW BIBLE PAGE 984

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Live in Charity

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

PEW BIBLE PAGE 877

¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

How Beautiful

TWILA PARIS

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the body of Christ. And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as He died; willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

*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

TIME OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

***Arabesque
Aria***

LOUIS VIERNE
CRAIG PHILLIPS

Prayer of Blessing

**Please stand, if able*

GOING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment #394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.
3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
4. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

NICOLAS JACQUES LEMMENS

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

Milestones of Graduation

Today, we are celebrating the Milestones of Graduation. Milestones are one of the many pathways that can help our children, youth, and young adults form faith. They are opportunities to recognize the sacred moments and holy ground in their lives, while considering next steps in their faith journey. Please join us for a cake reception in Spencer Hall to celebrate our graduates.

GenWE Sunday

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

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, by Robin and Sted Garber.

Ushers

Bill Kearney (head usher), Dave Burgess, Tedi and Gene Fraley, Chuck Mundt, Pat and Bob MacMinn, Kathy Norgart, and Mark Owens.

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Doug Gibbens and Audrey Smith, and Amy Manley.

Hospitality Table

GenWE

Graduates

Preschool Graduates

Emmie Collier, Calusa Park Preschool
Lainey Jo Hilton, First Presbyterian Preschool
Dua Mane, First Presbyterian Preschool
Vivian Nunn, First Presbyterian Preschool
Hendrixx Reyes, First Presbyterian Preschool
Silas Saldana, First Presbyterian Preschool
Thomas Smuts, First Presbyterian Preschool
Bryson Sorhegui, St. Ann School

Elementary School Graduates

Grace Biehl, First Baptist Academy
Lily Griffin, Lake Park Elementary
Tyson Haire, Community School of Naples
Maggie Heiderman, Lake Park Elementary
Blakely Mitchell, Seagate Elementary
Cooper Sicard, Lake Park Elementary
Georgio Tomasi, Classical Community Day School

Middle School Graduate

Polly-Anne Dillinger, Gulfview Middle School
Payton Gibbs, Royal Palm Academy
Jackson Haire, Community School of Naples
Maxwell Kellum, Community School of Naples
Jackson Maxwell, Educational Pathways Academy
Maddox Mink, Gulfview Middle School
Cole Mitchell, Gulfview Middle School

High School Graduates

Christina Liu, Barron High School
Nathan Owens, Naples High School
Charleigh Shanks-Velaquez, Barron High School

College Graduates

Tiffany Liu, Emory University
Evelyn Newman, Oklahoma Christian University

Master of Science Graduate

Colin Gerlach, University of Miami

News & Events

Guests and Visitors - Welcome

We're so glad you've joined us in worship today. After the service, please head over to the Welcome Table in Spencer Hall to say hello, pick up a special welcome gift, and enjoy some light refreshments with us.

Summer Choir

Our summer choir schedule has officially begun! Our choir will rehearse each Sunday morning from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. in the choir room to prepare for the 10 a.m. service. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us! Contact Dr. Brice Gerlach for more information.

Community Blood Drive

Spring into action! Our next blood drive, in partnership with the Community Blood Center (an affiliate of NCH), is scheduled for Monday, May 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sign-ups are still open. Please visit the sign-up podium to reserve your arrival time, or contact Nancy at 417.483.2624 or nwalken@gmail.com. Donors must bring a photo ID, be at least 16 years old (with parental consent), and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. To ensure a successful donation, please eat a meal before arriving and stay well-hydrated.

Wednesday Morning Men: Faith and Fellowship

We gather on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8 a.m. in the Youth Room for coffee, pastries, and fellowship. All men are invited to join us this Wednesday, May 6. Bill Kearney will lead the program titled "More Gospel Music!" For more information, please contact Bill Kearney at skearney239@comcast.net.

Church Tour

The Deacons invite you to a "Behind the Scenes" church tour on Sunday, May 10 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 sarahsnichols@gmail.com.

Guadalupe Center & Pathways Early Education Center Mission Trip - **POSTPONED**

The mission trip to the Guadalupe Center and Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 14, has been postponed due to lower than anticipated participation. We look forward to rescheduling this opportunity for the fall.

Children, Youth and Young Adults

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.

Childcare and Wiggle Room – We have a wiggle room adjacent to the sanctuary where you can enjoy the service with your child. For our young children ages 18 months to VPK, childcare is available after the Children’s Time in the Mase Christian Education Center.

Kidz Lab – We invite children from kindergarten to grade 6 to join our Sunday School program, Kidz Lab. Children engage with the same lessons that their parents learn about in church, fostering opportunities for family conversations and reflection after the service.

Family Newsletter Spotlight

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. Do you want to be part of the fun? Simply e-mail Ashley Henning to put your name on the mailing list.

Join the Snowball Mountain Team!

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 22 and we need some team members! There are several opportunities available to help before, during or after VBS. For more information, please contact Nancy Van Fleet or Ashley Henning.

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 Galatians. For more information, please contact Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmccclure.com.

HUDDLE - A Men’s Bible Discussion Group - All men are invited and encouraged to bring their lunch and gather Thursday at noon. We are studying the Gospel of John. If you would prefer to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Giving Opportunities

The Grace of Giving Campaign

We worship, love, grow, and serve together because of your faithful support. Thank you to those who have already pledged for 2026! If you would like to make a new pledge, please visit our website, find a pledge card in the pew racks at church, or speak with Joan Congine. We are deeply grateful for your continued investment in First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

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.

Feed the 5,000

This month your donations will help replenish the food pantry of Youth Haven. 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.

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Financial Snapshot through Mar 31, 2026	2026	2025	Fav/(Unfav)
Income - Year to date	764,310	825,701	(61,391)
Expenses - Year to date	710,188	725,679	15,490
Net Income (shortfall) - Year to date	54,122	100,023	(45,901)

Staff Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone: 239.262.1311</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
Ministers			
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Preschool			
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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.

*Cynthia Anderson	Lynn Hertel	Thomas Pieralisi	The U.S. Military
Saeed Ansari	Chuck Hoover	Dave Priatko	Stephen Ministers/Care
Frank Antonini	Stella Kartye	*Linda Rader	Receivers
Travis Banta	Rick Krinitt	*Linda Rhodes	FPCN Caregivers
Ellen Bergendahl	Meghan Maher	Stephen Scaramuzzo	Support Group
William Camp, Jr.	Edison Martinez	Joan Sink	All serving Missionaries
Mike Caputo	Mary Matvias	Chuck Tenley	Central Presbyterian
Jacqueline Davis	*Jerry Miller	Jackie Thomas	Reformed Church, Cuba
Audrey Douglas	*Ed Miller	Valerie and Peter Walters	
Suzanne Dozios	Katherine Miller	Don Webber	
*Mary Dee Dyer	Ryan Munchel	Nancy Westlund	
Diana Dyer-Stadtmitter	Elizabeth Murray		
*Fred Hertel	Debbie 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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