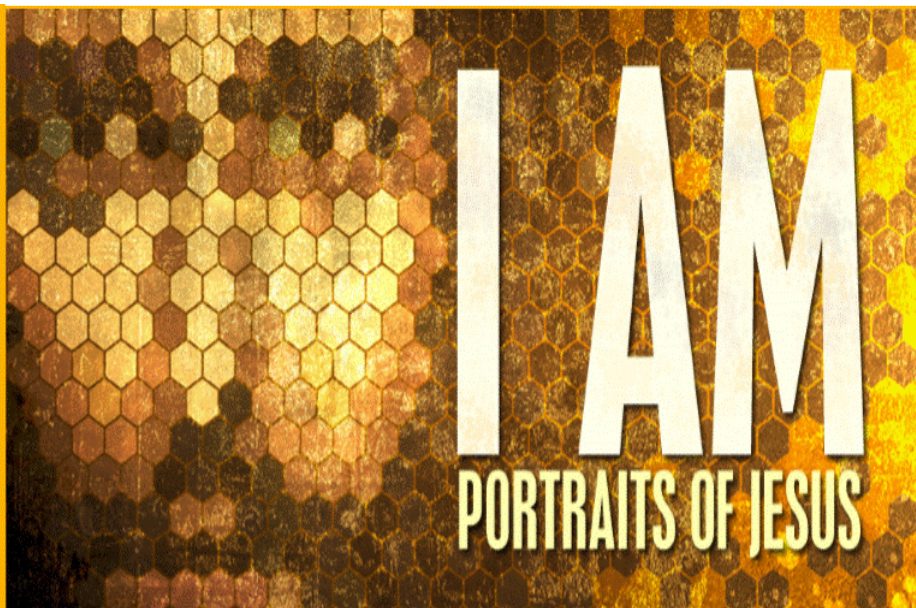


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~ THE BREAD OF LIFE ~ THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ~ THE DOOR ~
~ THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE ~ THE GOOD SHEPHERD ~
~ THE TRUE VINE ~ THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE ~

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PORT CHARLOTTE

10:00 A.M. SUNDAYS

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Chimes

Greetings

Leader: The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Pastorale

Judy Prier
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

All: I Am the Resurrection and the Life.

Leader: The Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

All: I Am the Resurrection and the Life.

Leader: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

All: I Am the Resurrection and the Life.

Leader: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

All: I Am the Resurrection and the Life.

Leader: Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your Light.

All: Let us worship God, the Resurrection and the Life.

Introit

Come Into His Presence

Chancel Choir

Opening Prayer

All: God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk— places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn of Adoration**

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Blue Hymnal #455

Children's Sermon

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Forgive us, O God, when we see the world through rose-colored glasses rather than as it really is, much less the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith calling us to be agents of change in our world for the bland conviction that all will be well. Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over the grave.

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The God we serve is the God of life, the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams. This we trust, and by this we live.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Congregational Response**

Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Siyahamba (Marching In The Light God)

Chancel Choir

Accompanied by the Youth Drummers

Presbytery Steering Committee Welcome

Claudia George

Prayers of the People and the 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

Hymn of Preparation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Blue Hymnal #106

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

John 11:24-27

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

I Am: Portraits of Jesus – I Am The Resurrection And The Life

Rev. Terri Jo Crego

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Largo

by John Stanley

*Congregational Response

Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Blue Hymnal #369

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

March

by Alexandre Guilmant

PRAYER LIST

Betty Smith, Marilyn Miller, Donna Livengood, Donna Wells, Al and Pat Blanchard, Jeff Taylor, Ken and Marylou Ferris, David VanLeer, Leila Rohlehr, Joyce Hostutler, Ann DeVare, Vera Allcroft, Lynn Reim, AudreyAnn Parent, Paul Doczy, Davie Levi RuthAnn Jones, Charlotte Taylor, Dorothy Hartman, Louise Bankard, Keith Swarket, Lesley Shane, Donald (Duke) and Nora Vermeer, Jeff and Debbie, Brian O'Neil, and Al and Sally Beyer and family.

If you would like to be added or removed from this list call the church office (941-625-5045).

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join our church family, we encourage you to call the Church office at (941) 625-5045 to speak with Rev. Terri Jo Crego. New members are welcomed by Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, Letter of Transfer, or as an Affiliate Member if you wish to retain your membership in another congregation.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

If you would like to have intercessory prayer for yourself or for others, come to the Chapel following the service. The Chapel is located on the left side of the Narthex as you exit the Sanctuary.



Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, October 8

Sunday School for all ages	9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Session Meeting	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, October 9

Exercise Class Monday – Thursday (All are invited - \$1 per class)	9:00 a.m.
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TUESDAY, October 10

Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Visiting Shepherds Meeting	10:30 a.m.
Children & Youth Activities	4:30 p.m.
Adorn Ave. Neighborhood Alliance	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 11

Piece Picers	9:30 a.m.
Cards & Games	1:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Food Pantry	5:00 p.m.
What Does It Mean To Be Presbyterian Series	5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 12

Mahjongg (all are invited)	1:00 p.m.
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FRIDAY, October 13

Office Closed

SATURDAY, October 14

Office Closed

**The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte is:
To be a beacon in the community by leading all people into a life changing,
ever growing relationship with Jesus Christ.**

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Session

Class of 2017: Sandy Asaro, Rebekah Baird, Ambrose Woods
Class of 2018: Barbara Danylak, Nancy Sharpless, Ron Smith
Class of 2019: Joan Barry, Gail Gamble, Richard Lund

Deacons

Class of 2017: Doris Coddington, Dottie Messick, Don Phillips, Elaine Woods
Class of 2018: Dottie Gamble, Pauline Paquin, Laverne Sinkia, Donald Whitmarsh
Class of 2019 Andy Buell, Clarence Diersing, Addie Schaad, Diane Schmidt

Trustees

Richard Lund (President), Ron Smith (Vice President)
Ambrose Woods (Treasurer), Sandy Asaro (Secretary)
Class of 2017: Bob Hull (Member at Large)
Class of 2018: Clarence Diersing (Member at Large)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Thank you to Elaine Woods who is serving as our liturgist this morning.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PRESBYTERIAN? WHAT IS DISTINCTIVE ABOUT PRESBYTERIANISM?

A New Series of 4 Evening Classes on Wednesdays

Oct 11th, Oct. 18th

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Conference Room

If you are a visitor or new to FPCPC, grew up without a church, grew up in another faith tradition or are a “cradle Presbyterian,” this class is for you. We’ll start with an overview of Christian history in order to locate the Presbyterian branch of the family tree alongside Catholics, Lutherans and Baptists, discussing generally what these groups have in common and how they differ.

We’ll then focus on Presbyterian beliefs about God (Presbyterian theology) and how Presbyterians interpret scripture. We’ll see how our theology is the scaffolding under everything: our Sunday morning worship (e.g., the language, liturgy, music and sacraments), the governance of the church (e.g., the responsibilities of pastor, session, deacons and members) and our spiritual practices (e.g., prayer, study, hospitality and stewardship). Ultimately, we’ll talk about how our theology shapes our view of humanity, the world, and our mission which is to share the gospel and to lift up the poor and the downtrodden. Come discover or revisit what you inherit when you belong to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). This class will give you new insight into what it means at FPCPC to grow with God.

Led by guest teacher, the Rev. Victoria Millar who herself grew up without a church. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary who served as a pastor in churches in IL and WI before moving to Venice, FL in 2015. Occasionally a guest in the pulpit when Pastor Terri Jo is out of town, she finds the FPCPC congregation to be warm, smart and spiritually hungry which are three of her favorite qualities.

MESSICK WEDDING VOWS RENEWAL

Wednesday, October 18th

1:00 p.m

Sanctuary

On October 18th, Brad and Dottie Messick will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. In celebration of their anniversary, they are inviting everyone to attend a special service where they will be renewing their vows. The service will be held on October 18th at 1:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the New Life Center.

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION AND COMMISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 22nd

10:00 a.m. in Worship

On Sunday, October 22nd the congregation will hold a special service to formally recognize and commission our Acolytes as servants of God in our community. On that day, youth wishing to serve Christ and His Church will be brought before the congregation and asked if they are willing to serve the church, in the name of Jesus, to the best of their ability. Please come to worship with us and help us to pray and support our youth. Also if anyone knows of someone willing to serve as an Acolyte, contact the Church at 941-625-5045 or Diane Schmidt at 941-423-5731.