



First
Presbyterian Church

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after **PENTECOST**

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River and Deep River

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

#214 He has Made Me Glad

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: All God's works give thanks to the Lord.

All: We will lift up our voices in praise.

One: The Lord is near to all who call upon God in truth.

All: We will sing of God's power and speak of God's loving kindness.

One: Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

All: Let us praise God's holy name forever.

OPENING HYMN †

#747 Sunshine in My Soul

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER HYMN

#631 The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO CONFESSION



† Please stand in body or in spirit





PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Generous God, we gather each week to be fed by your love, trusting that you will embrace us.

We confess we are not nearly so generous with our love.

We are often suspicious of others, fearful of what they seek from us.

We criticize what others do, but rarely question our own motivations.

Forgive us, O God, and awaken our generosity toward others.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

SPECIAL MUSIC BELL CHOIR

The Angelus

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

DOXOLOGY †

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

HYMN OF DEDICATION †

#817 O Bless The Gifts





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15 (The Message)

¹ When that time of year came around again, the anniversary of the Ammonite aggression, David dispatched Joab and his fighting men of Israel in full force to destroy the Ammonites for good. They laid siege to Rabbah, but David stayed in Jerusalem.

²⁻⁵ One late afternoon, David got up from taking his nap and was strolling on the roof of the palace. From his vantage point on the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was stunningly beautiful. David sent to ask about her, and was told, “Isn’t this Bathsheba, daughter of Eliam and wife of Uriah the Hittite?” David sent his agents to get her. After she arrived, he went to bed with her. (This occurred during the time of “purification” following her period.) Then she returned home. Before long she realized she was pregnant. Later she sent word to David: “I’m pregnant.”

⁶ David then got in touch with Joab: “Send Uriah the Hittite to me.” Joab sent him.

⁷⁻⁸ When he arrived, David asked him for news from the front—how things were going with Joab and the troops and with the fighting. Then he said to Uriah, “Go home. Have a refreshing bath and a good night’s rest.”

⁸⁻⁹ After Uriah left the palace, an informant of the king was sent after him. But Uriah didn’t go home. He slept that night at the palace entrance, along with the king’s servants.

¹⁰ David was told that Uriah had not gone home. He asked Uriah, “Didn’t you just come off a hard trip? So why didn’t you go home?”



¹¹ Uriah replied to David, “The Chest is out there with the fighting men of Israel and Judah—in tents. My master Joab and his servants are roughing it out in the fields. So, how can I go home and eat and drink and enjoy my wife? On your life, I’ll not do it!”

¹²⁻¹³ “All right,” said David, “have it your way. Stay for the day and I’ll send you back tomorrow.” So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem the rest of the day. The next day David invited him to eat and drink with him, and David got him drunk. But in the evening Uriah again went out and slept with his master’s servants. He didn’t go home.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Put Uriah in the front lines where the fighting is the fiercest. Then pull back and leave him exposed so that he’s sure to be killed.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"Through The Eyes Of Bathsheba"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

#431 Shine, Jesus, Shine

COMMISSION & BLESSING†

SENDING HYMN†

#764 The Trees Of The Field



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Don't miss this upcoming **Bach to Broadway Concert on Sunday, August 18th** at **3:00 PM**. Tickets on sale now, **\$15**.

From left to right: violinist, Lauree Duncan, harpists Kathleen Donkus & Jane Hawley and violinist, Jaime DelCastillo. Pick up your flyer in the sanctuary to share with family and friends.



Join us after the service to Celebrate our July birthdays with cake and fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

Adams Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family	-	<i>safety & health</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Faulk Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Gail Gamble	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ruth Hester	-	<i>health needs</i>
Mary & Muriel Kerr	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Donna & Loren Livengood	-	<i>health needs</i>
Margorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Kathy Perdue	-	<i>health needs</i>
Olin Scott	-	<i>housing needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Smith Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>

FPCPC FAMILY -

**If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,
please call the church office at 941-625-5045.**



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CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Charles Brox	Cathy Asaro	Amy Rupert
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Steve Goettler	Alzie Lee	Donna Young

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