



First
Presbyterian Church

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, September 22, 2024

18th Sunday after **PENTECOST**

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

#526 The Solid Rock

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

#219 Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: From sunrise to sunset;

All: Let us praise God's holy name.

One: With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young;

All: Let us praise God's holy name.

One: In our work, in our homes, and in all we do;

All: Let us praise God's holy name.

One: Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts!

All: We will worship God now and always.

OPENING HYMN †

#63 All Creatures of Our God and King

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

God of all creation, you opened the world around us and filled it with wonder, yet we confess we look away from its harsher realities. Our ears can be deaf to cries of need. Our minds ignore opinions which differ from our own. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness, and miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus is My Lord

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Grateful

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

New Testament: James 3:1-12 (New Living Translation)

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly.

² Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

³ We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth.

⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.

⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

⁷ People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish,

⁸ but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God.



¹⁰ And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

¹¹ Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water?

¹² Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"When Words Are Sparks"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN †

#548 As the Deer

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION †

SENDING HYMN †

Go Now In Peace



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us online for the practice of *Lectio-Divina* which is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation & prayer, to promote communion with God and increase the knowledge of God's word. Contact the office at 941-625-5045 for more info.



Every Monday at 8 AM
To connect go to www.Zoom.us
Click "Join" on the right hand upper corner
Meeting ID: 878 3208 0869
Passcode: 396015

Join us today at 3 PM
for a Concert, featuring

Cary Price

September 22, 2024.

**Bring your ticket or buy a ticket
(\$15) at the door.**



**Next PEP Event will be held at
PIONEER PIZZA, 4560 Tamiami Tr.
This Thursday, September 26, 2024
12:30 p.m.
RSVP by contacting Carol at
941-624-5402.**

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>
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>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<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
Ambrose Woods	Joan Hawkins	Nancy Sharpless
Steve Goettler	Alzie Lee	Donna Young

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
—	Hazel Mason	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen
—	Carolyn Brox	Carol McLennon
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