





*First*  
*Presbyterian Church*  
Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, February 23, 2025*

7th Sunday after Epiphany  
Annual Congregational Meeting

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



## **CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE**

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen / I want Jesus to Walk with Me*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHORAL INTROIT**

*Kum Ba Yah*

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP✝**

One: Take delight in the Lord;

All: For God will give us the desires of our hearts.

One: Trust in the Lord;

All: For God will give us security and strength.

One: Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.

All: Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.

## **OPENING HYMN✝**

*I'm Goin'-a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

## *We Renew Our Relationship With God*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, You test the mind and search the heart, so You know the



✝ Please stand in body or in spirit.





thoughts and intentions we keep hidden.

Trusting in Your wisdom and mercy, we confess the ways we have failed to love one another, the times we looked the other way when someone needed help, and the ways our actions betrayed Your goodness. Keep a brief silence.

Forgive us for missing opportunities to share Your love, and carrying grudges that keep us from offering the forgiveness we hope for.

Renew us with Your mercy to become more merciful to others we meet, in the example of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### *We Respond to God*

**MINOR DOXOLOGY**

*#813 Glory Be To The Father*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR**

*I'll Be There*

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

**OFFERTORY**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

**OFFERING HYMN** †

*#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** †

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** †

*Father Take The Gifts We Bring*





# *God Speaks to Us*



## **SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

<sup>25</sup> Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.

<sup>26</sup> But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.

<sup>27</sup> When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**

*#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

## **THE PREACHED WORD**

“McChristianity Menu”

# *God Sends Us Into the World*

## **CLOSING HYMN** †

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

## **COMMISSION & BENEDICTION** †

## **SENDING HYMN** †

*Amen Siakudumisa*

**Today, February 23, 2025**  
**following the service:**

**ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**  
**Luncheon**



Marjorie Lotz - February 1  
Alzie Lee - February 7  
Joan Barry - February 16  
Joleen Howard - February 16  
Carolyn Brox - February 21  
Jackie Witt - February 26

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

Join us for season 4 of

**The Chosen**

Held in the sanctuary.

Popcorn, chips & soda provided.



**Ladies' Prayer Group**

**Wednesdays at 12 noon**

Join us in a spiritual communion with God as we pray with Thanksgiving, adoration, and confession.



**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

**12 PM**

Join us for lunch with the PEP group at Ginger Dim Sum and enjoy Asian BBQ  
Please RSVP by contacting Carol at 941-624-5402.



**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

Join us for our mid-week  
**Worship Service every Thursday**  
from January to March 2025.

# PRAYER LIST

Adams Family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Cathy & Rick Armstrong	-	<i>health needs</i>
Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family	-	<i>safety &amp; health</i>
Susan Baivey	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sharon Beckman	-	<i>health needs</i>
Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ruth Hester	-	<i>health needs</i>
Alzie & Senior Lee family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength &amp; 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>
Louis Miceli	-	<i>health needs</i>
Valciana Officer	-	<i>health needs</i>
Samantha & Derrick Reams family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Olin Scott	-	<i>housing needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health needs</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.



# CHURCH STAFF

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## ELDERS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Charles Brox	Cathy Asaro	Amy Rupert
Ambrose Woods	Joan Hawkins	Nancy Sharpless
—	Alzie Lee	Donna Young

## DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
—	Hazel Mason	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen
—	Carolyn Brox	Carol McLennon
Holly Parkin	—	Norma Campbell



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