



*First*  
*Presbyterian Church*  
Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, March 9, 2025*

First Sunday of Lent

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



**CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE**

*Sing Praise*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Into My Heart*

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE †**

**CALL TO WORSHIP †**

One: How precious is God's steadfast love!

All: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

One: Come and feast on God's abundance.

All: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

One: For with God is the fountain of life;

All: And in God's light we will see light.

One: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

All: We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

**OPENING HYMN †**

*#43 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*We Renew Our Relationship With God*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

† Please stand in body or in spirit.



## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking Your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect Your presence to make a difference for us.

Forgive us when we give up on You and end up feeling unfulfilled. By Your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in You.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*We Respond to God*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION**

### **ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR**

*A Miracle Man*

### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

### **MINISTRY MOMENT**

Charlene Vermette, **"C.A.R.E."**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Bless Be the Tie That Binds*

### **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 READINGS**

Isaiah 28:16 (King James Version)

<sup>16</sup>Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Joel 2:32 (New International Version)

<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come.

Romans 10:8b-13 (New Living Translation)

<sup>8b</sup> that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

<sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

<sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



**HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**

*#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

**THE PREACHED WORD**

*"The Danger of Simple Formulas"*

*God Sends Us Into the World*

**CLOSING HYMN†**

*#406 Wonderful Words of Life*

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†**

**SENDING HYMN†**

*#764 The Trees of The Field*



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Ladies' Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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



## March Blessing Tree

Please help us collect items for C.A.R.E. to help victims of Domestic Abuse by donating items they will need after leaving everything behind to get out of the lifestyle of abuse. Suggested items are listed near our Blessing Tree by the Sanctuary doors.



## E-gram Newsletters are available for pick up on the back table

**March/2025 E-GRAM**

If you would like your E-gram emailed to you monthly please call the church office at 941-625-5045.



Join us for our mid-week  
Worship Service every  
Thursday at 6:30 PM,  
through March of 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>
Raye Bittinger	-	<i>health &amp; strength 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>
Stephen & 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 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Cathy Asaro	Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro
Joan Hawkins	Nancy Sharpless	Toni Madej
Alzie Lee	Donna Young	Claudette McLennon

## DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Carolyn Brox	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Hazel Mason
—	Carol McLennon	Patti Bevans
—	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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