

First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

Sunday Joy!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Into My Heart

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: Happy are those who are honest with God.

All: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

One: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the Lord in times of distress.

All: For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

All: Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN✝

#11 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from Your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for

✝ Please stand in body or in spirit.



our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break Your law and forsake Your love.

Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to You that we may find freedom in obedience to Your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Follow Me

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

MINISTRY MOMENT

Christian Education, Elder Sandy Asaro

OFFERTORY

Longing

DOXOLOGY✝

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION✝

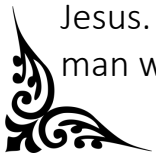
HYMN OF DEDICATION✝



#817 O Bless the Gifts

God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NIV)

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 Then Jesus told them this





parable: [...] **11b** “There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. **13** “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. **14** After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. **16** He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. **17** “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! **18** I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ **20** So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. **21** “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. **24** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **27** ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ **28** “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. **29** But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **30** But when





this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ **31** “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. **32** But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”



HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NIV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PREACHED WORD

“Portrait of the Prodigal”

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN✝

#343 Amazing Grace

COMMISSION & BLESSING✝



SENDING HYMN✝

Go Now In Peace



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.



Join us Tuesday,

March 25th at 6:30 PM

for a powerful film of family struggles and how Prayer can change everything.

Popcorn & drinks provided



Join us for our mid-week
**Worship Service every
Thursday at 6:30 PM,
through March of 2025.**

PRAYER LIST

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| Adams Family | - | <i>strength & comfort</i> |
| Cathy & Rick Armstrong | - | <i>health needs</i> |
| Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family | - | <i>safety & health</i> |
| Susan Baivey | - | <i>health needs</i> |
| Raye Bittinger | - | <i>health & 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 & comfort</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> |
| Louis Miceli | - | <i>health needs</i> |
| Valciana Officer | - | <i>health needs</i> |
| Samantha & Derrick Reams family | - | <i>strength & 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.



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| Alzie Lee | Donna Young | Claudette McLennon |

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