

*First*  
*Presbyterian Church*  
Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, March 23, 2025*

Third Sunday in Lent  
Ordination & Installation

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



**CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE**

*You Are My All in All*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Into My Heart*

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝**

**CALL TO WORSHIP✝**

One: Seek the Lord while God may be found. Call upon God who is near.

All: We will return to the Lord our God.

One: God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways.

All: We come, seeking new paths to follow.

One: As the heavens are higher than the earth so are God's ways higher than ours.

All: We come as pilgrims on the journey, praising God along the way. Let us worship God with thankful hearts!

**OPENING HYMN✝**

*#680 All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

*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 grace and mercy, We confess that our thoughts are so often not Your thoughts; our ways are rarely Your ways.

Our tempers are short and we fail to act with kindness. Our confidence is weak and we treat others without respect. Our faith falters and we lose track of You.

Forgive the many ways we fail You, and inspire us to follow You more faithfully.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*We Respond to God*

## **ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Take What We Have*

## **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

## **ORDINATION & INSTALLATION**

**\* Statement on Ordination & Installation \***

**\* Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant \***

## **RENUNCIATIONS**

## **PROFESSION**

**\* Thanksgiving for Baptism \***







**\* Constitutional Questions \***

**\* Prayer Of Ordination \***

**\* Prayer for Deacons & Laying On of Hands \***

**\* Prayer for Elders & Laying On of Hands \***

**\* Declaration of Ordination \***

**\* Installation & Charge \***

**\* Welcome \***

**OFFERTORY**

*We Will Glorify with Our Great Savior*

**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**

Acts 6:1-6 (New International Version)

<sup>1</sup>In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

<sup>2</sup>So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup>and will give our attention to prayer and





the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

### 1 Peter 5:1-4 New International Version)

<sup>1</sup>To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup>not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

*#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

### THE PREACHED WORD

*“We’re Servants First”*

## *God Sends Us Into the World*

### CLOSING HYMN✝

*#602 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

### COMMISSION & BLESSING✝

### SENDING HYMN✝

*#764 The Trees of The Field*





# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **BLESSED TREE** Invest in your future..

You're incapable of taking your wealth with you to the afterlife, but you can indeed have it greet you when you arrive.

## **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 Thursday,**

**March 27th at 12:30 PM**

for lunch at Pita & Puff to enjoy delicious Greek delicacies and American originals with a Greek touch. RSVP with Deacon Carol at 941-624-5402.



**Join us as we pray with**

Thanksgiving, adoration, and confession to our sovereign Lord every Wednesdays at 12 noon





Join us for our mid-week  
Worship Service  
every Thursday at 6:30 PM  
through April 10.

## 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	Patty Bevens
—	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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