

*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

The Holy City

Violin soloist, Laurelee Duncan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

All: Christ has led us from death to life.

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.

One: Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

All: He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!

OPENING HYMN✝

#367 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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

Loving and life-giving God, You raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us.

We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness.

Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness through Your great mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We Respond to God

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

At His Name

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah! What a Savior

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

Luke 24:1-12 (New International Version)

- 1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.
- 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
- 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.
- 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?
- 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:
- 7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ”
- 8 Then they remembered his words.
- 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.
- 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.
- 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.
- 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"April of 1711"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

#365 Alleluia! Alleluia!

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†

SENDING HYMN†

Song Of Hope



If you ordered a Lily, you may take yours home after the service.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer Group
Wednesdays at 12 noon

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



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.

April Blessing Tree

Please help us collect items for
United Way for people impacted by disasters. Suggested items are listed near our
Blessing Tree by the Sanctuary doors.



PEP (People Enjoying People)

Join us for a PEP lunch at
The Chef's Thai Sushi Bar & Grill
2150 Tamiami Trail Port Charlotte
Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 12:30 PM.
RSVP with Deacon Carol at 941-624-5402.

PRAYER LIST

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>
Eric Bittinger	-	<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>
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>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health and comfort needs</i>
Samantha & Derrick Reams family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Olin Scott	-	<i>housing 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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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	Holly Parkin
—	Carol McLennon	Patty Bevens
Hazel Mason	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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