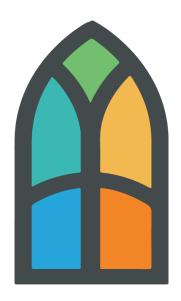


First Presbyterian Church Port Charlotte, FL





Sunday, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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New York

God Calls Us to Worship

Sunday Joy!

CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord Always

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP ?

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God on high!

All: Praise God, sun and moon. Praise God, all you shining stars!

One: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and ocean depths!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, praise the Lord!

One: Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and all rulers of the

earth, praise the Lord!

All: Old and young together; all people praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

#407 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION











PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.

Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for Your beloved community, as we share Your love with Your people everywhere.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Grace Us, O Lord

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Reflection

DOXOLOGY

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION®

HYMN OF DEDICATION

#817 O Bless the Gifts





SCRIPTURE READING Acts 11:1-18 (New Living Translation)

- 1 Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God.
- 2 But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him.
- 3 "You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!" they said.
- 4 Then Peter told them exactly what had happened.
- 5 "I was in the town of Joppa," he said, "and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me.
- 6 When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds.
- 7 And I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.'
- 8 "'No, Lord,' I replied. 'I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.'
- 9 "But the voice from heaven spoke again: 'Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.'
- 10 This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven.
- 11 "Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying.
- 12 The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us.
- 13 He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter.

14 He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!'

15 "As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning.

16 Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

17 And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?" 18 When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"If God Wants, Who Am I?"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN[†]

#415 We Are Called to Be God's People

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION®

SENDING HYMN[†]

The Lord Now Send Us Forth





CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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



May Blessing Tree

Please help us collect items for the veterans at Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans' Nursing Home.
Suggested items are listed near our Blessing Tree by the Sanctuary doors.



If you are interested in making **stain glass ornaments** please sign-up for classes with Weldon DeGroot for specific Saturdays from **10 a.m. until noon.** Each class will be limited to 5 people, and it should take 2 to 3 classes to complete an ornament. The cost is \$15 to pay for the materials for each ornament.



Join us in the parlor for **Bible Study** on Paul's Letter to the Philippians, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, led by Pr. Syl **every Tuesday at noon** beginning **May 20, 2025.**



Join us for a PEP lunch at flavors of india to enjoy delicious Authentic Indian Cuisine. PEP will gather this **Thursday**, **May 22**, **2025** at **12:30** PM. RSVP with Deacon Carol at 941-624-5402.



Join us on **Tuesday**, **May 27**, **2025** at **6:30 PM**, to watch a movie about Faith and what God can do if we just let him step in. We will enjoy delicious pizza, popcorn, and drinks.

PRAYER LIST

Adams Family - strength & comfort

Cathy & Rick Armstrong - health needs
Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family - safety & health
Susan Baivey - health needs

Raye & Eric Bittinger - health & strength needs

Sharon Beckman - health needs
Carolyn & Charlie Brox - health needs
Barbara Edwards - health needs
Jean Heim - health needs

Senior Lee family - strength & comfort

Sue Littrell - health needs

Violet Logan/Green - strength & comfort

Donna & Loren Livengood health needs Richard Lund health needs Margorie Hill health needs Carolann Hoehle health needs Courtenay Mason health needs **Brad Messick** health needs Louis Miceli health needs Valciana Officer health needs

Mavis Powell - health and comfort needs

Samantha & Derrick Reams family
Olin Scott
Danny Webb
- strength & comfort
housing needs
strength needs

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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