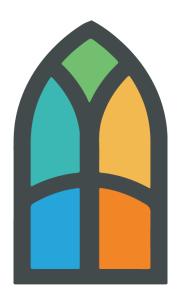


# First Presbyterian Church Port Charlotte, FL





# Sunday, May 25, 2025

#### **Ascension Sunday**

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## God Calls Us to Worship

**CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE** 

Jesus Shall Reign

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord Always

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE** 

CALL TO WORSHIP ?

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples.

All: Jesus is risen from the dead!

One: Shout to God with songs of joy. All: Jesus has ascended into heaven!

One: Sing praises to God, all the earth.

All: Jesus will come again to reign!

**OPENING HYMN** 

#43 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**LORD'S PRAYER HYMN** 

#631 Lord's Prayer Hymn

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 











#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all time and space, we confess our failure to use well our time and our space. We give our hearts to trivial matters. We struggle to separate truth from clutter. We neglect the needs of the neighbors.

You direct us to love. We exploit the world You have made and have failed to care for your creation. Forgive us. Reshape our priorities and guide our efforts that we may live our days to your glory.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 

Apostles' Creed

**ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR** 

King of Kings (medley)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

**OFFERTORY** 

The Lord's My Shepherd

**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**

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

#### Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 6 Then they



gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION** 

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"The Best is Yet to Come"

God Sends Us Into the World

**CLOSING HYMN<sup>†</sup>** 

#799 America the Beautiful

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION** †

SENDING HYMN<sup>†</sup>

Go Now In Peace





#### **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 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 this Tuesday, May 27, 2025.** 



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

Ray & Eric Bittinger - health & strength needs

Sharon Beckman - health needs
Carolyn & Charlie Brox - health needs
Barbara Edwards - health needs
Jean Heim - health needs
Carolanne Hoehle - 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 - strength & comfort
Olin Scott - housing needs

Danny Webb - 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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