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Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



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Third Sunday after Pentecost

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

America, the Beautiful

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: In the calm waters of the ponds and the bouncing waters of the rivers.

All: You make a path, O God of wonders.

One: In the playful waters of the streams that shape every rock and the furious waters of the whirlwinds coming down.

All: You make a path, O God of wonders.

One: We come to praise God, knowing that in the quiet and in the chaos of our lives.

All: You will make a path. Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN †

#807 My Country 'Tis of Thee

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 mercy, we confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh. We have impure thoughts. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires.

Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin. Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace. Send Your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to be gentle in our care for all of Your people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Prayer for America

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

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 READINGS

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (New Living Translation)

¹ So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

[...]

¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵ But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. ¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. ¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! ²⁴ Those who belong



to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"Not Crosses or Crucifixes"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

#804 Battle Hymn of the Republic

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†

SENDING HYMN†

Go Now In Peace



JOIN US TODAY

CONCERT
 FEATURING NICK MICELI
 CELEBRATING THE 4TH OF JULY
 ALL PATRIOTIC MUSIC AND LOTS OF SURPRISES
JUNE 29 · 3PM
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 PORT CHARLOTTE
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 FREE WILL OFFERING PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE
 DOUGLAS T. JACOBSON STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



BLESSED TREE
Invest in your future..
You're incapable of taking your strength with you to the office, but you can indeed have it with you when you arrive.

June Blessing Tree

Please help us collect items for the Boys & Girls Club to collect school supplies. Suggested items are listed near our Blessing Tree.



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.**



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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



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.

Join us for cake and celebration for our June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

June 1 - Lucille Gomez
June 10 - Holly Parkin
June 12 - Vivienne Gooden
June 17- Brad Messick
June 17 - Natalie Wanamaker
June 19 - Marilda Sathler
June 20 - Dorothy Gamble
June 26 - Sue McConochie
June 29 - Lloyd Simmond



Anniversaries

June 13 - Carolyn & Charles Brox

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 Bailey	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health & strength needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Heather Degroot & family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Margorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolanne Hoehle	-	<i>health needs</i>
Senior Lee family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Dottie Leege	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Donna & Loren Livengood	-	<i>health needs</i>
Richard Lund	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Louis Miceli	-	<i>health needs</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Julie Nunez	-	<i>health needs</i>
Valciana Officer	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray Omar	-	<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>
Dean Stele	-	<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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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
Hazel Mason	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Holly Parkin
Carolyn Brox	Carol McLennon	Patricia Bevens
—	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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