

*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

#224 We Have Come Into His House

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: In a world where lies surround us,

All: Your word is like fire, God nearby!

One: In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,

All: Your word is like fire, God nearby!

One: In a world where words don't have meaning,

All: Your word is like fire, God nearby!

One: We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.

All: We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

OPENING HYMN✝

#128 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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 Creator with a gardener's tender touch, You planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, You fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities.

In Your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel You crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship You rightly.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

SPECIAL MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The FPCPC Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

You Raise Me Up

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 12:49-56 (NRSVUE)

⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze!

⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens.

⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens.

⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"Cleansing Fire, Not Consuming"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

#157 The Love of God

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†

SENDING HYMN†

Song of Hope



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.

August Blessing Tree

Please help us collect hurricane supplies for
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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

*This week we will meet at Donna Young's home
22174 New York Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33952*



If you are interested in making **stain glass ornaments** please sign-up for classes with Weldon DeGroot for specific Saturdays from **8 a.m. until 10 a.m..** Each class will be limited to 5 people, and it should take 2-3 classes to complete an ornament. The cost is \$15 each.



Join us on **Tuesday, August, 26, 2025** at **6:30 PM**, to watch a faith-based film about becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ called **The Forge** . If you joined us when we watched **War Room** you won't want to miss it! We will enjoy delicious pizza and drinks.

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</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health 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>
Marjorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolanne Hoehle	-	<i>health needs</i>
Senior Lee	-	<i>health needs</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>
Holly Parkin	-	<i>health needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Samantha & Derrick Reams family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>health needs</i>
Olin Scott	-	<i>housing needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>
Donna Young	-	<i>health 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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CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
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Alzie Lee	Donna Young	Claudette McLennon

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Hazel Mason	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Holly Parkin
Carolyn Brox	Carol McLennon	Patricia Bevans
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