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*Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, August 31, 2025*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



**CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE**

*Praise to You*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

*#224 We Have Come Into His House*

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE†**

**CALL TO WORSHIP†**

One: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

All: Who delight in God's commandments.

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

All: Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

One: They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.

All: It is well with those who live in justice.

One: Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.

All: Let us praise the Lord!

**OPENING HYMN†**

*#548 As the Deer*

*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**

Merciful God, in Jesus You show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others.

Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all Your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*We Respond to God*

### **MINOR DOXOLOGY**

*#813 Glory Be To The Father*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Take These Wings*  
Lauree Duncan, Violinist

### **CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*You’ll Never Walk Alone*  
Lauree Duncan, Violinist

### **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 14:1, 7-14 (NRSVUE)

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

[...]

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

<sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host,



<sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

<sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

<sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.





<sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**

*#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

**THE PREACHED WORD**

"Honor That Lasts"

*God Sends Us Into the World*

**CLOSING HYMN†**

*#508 Love Lifted Me*

**COMMISSION & BENECTION†**

**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.*  
**We meet in the Church Parlor.**

**Join us after the service to celebrate our birthdays & anniversaries.**

### Birthdays

**August 11 - Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen**

**August 16 - Kinga Cook**

**August 18 - Dorothy Leage**

**August 18 - Robert Snyder**

**August 23 - Patricia Bevans**

**August 25 - Carolanne Hoehle**

### Anniversaries

**August 28 - Hazel & Courtenay Mason**



# PRAYER LIST

Adams Family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Cathy & Rick Armstrong	-	<i>health needs</i>
Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family	-	<i>safety &amp; health</i>
Susan Bailey	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health &amp; strength</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Heather Degroot & family	-	<i>strength &amp; 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 &amp; comfort</i>
Loren Livengood family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</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 &amp; comfort</i>
Samantha & Derrick Reams family	-	<i>strength &amp; 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.



## **CHURCH STAFF**

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### **ELDERS**

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
<b>Cathy Asaro</b>	<b>Amy Rupert</b>	<b>Sandy Asaro</b>
<b>Joan Hawkins</b>	<b>Nancy Sharpless</b>	<b>Toni Madej</b>
<b>Alzie Lee</b>	<b>Donna Young</b>	<b>Claudette McLennon</b>

### **DEACONS**

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
<b>Hazel Mason</b>	<b>Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen</b>	<b>Holly Parkin</b>
<b>Carolyn Brox</b>	<b>Carol McLennon</b>	<b>Patricia Bevens</b>
<b>—</b>	<b>Norma Campbell</b>	<b>Veronica Walters</b>



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