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Port Charlotte, FL



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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

#583 You Are My All in All

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

All: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

One: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, watches over those who are estranged, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

All: The Lord loves the righteous, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

One: Come, people of God, ...

All: let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Let all generations praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN✝

#414 O Word of God Incarnate

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✝ Please stand in body or in spirit



LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been like the rich man. We have enjoyed Your blessings but failed to notice the Lazaruses at our gates. We have walked past the hungry, the lonely, and the hurting, and did nothing. Forgive us for our indifference and our hard hearts. Forgive us for ignoring Your Word, waiting for a "sign," when You have already told us to love our neighbor. Open our eyes to see as You see, open our hearts to love as You love, and open our hands to act with courage and generosity. In the name of Jesus, who died and rose again to bring us life, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

✠ MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Lead and I Will Follow

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Kum Ba Yah, My Shepherd

DOXOLOGY ✠

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER & HYMN OF DEDICATION ✠

#817 Bless The Gifts



God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31 (NRSVue)

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’

²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—

²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’



²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’

³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“When The Tables Turn”

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

#431 Shine Jesus, Shine

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†

SENDING HYMN†

The Lord Now Send Us Forth

We thank Mr. Richard Rohlehr for serving as our Liturgist today.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birthdays

September 6 - John Danylak
September 9 - Eric Bittinger
September 11 - Donna Young
September 16 - Gail Gamble
September 17 - Ernest Rose

Anniversaries

September 5 - Bernadine & Tom Allesee
September 29 - Joan & Chris Barry

Join us after the service to Celebrate with Cake and Conversation.



Join us every **Tuesday** for
Season 5 of

The Chosen at 6 PM

We will enjoy popcorn and drinks.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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



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.

Upcoming October Blessing Tree

Please help us with donations for the
Virginia B. Andes Breast Cancer
Program of Charlotte County



Join us for a **Potluck dinner**
Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

Rides provided for people
who do not drive after dark.

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>
Loren Livengood family	-	<i>strength & 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 & 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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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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