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Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Lord, Be Glorified

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy.

All: So I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

One: I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

All: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

One: We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night.

OPENING HYMN✝

#403 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

✝ Please stand in body or in spirit



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires while slowly destroying the gifts of Your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience.

Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody Your love and justice for all the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Since Jesus Came into My Life

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

OFFERING HYMN†

#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own

PRAYER & HYMN OF DEDICATION†

Father, Take The Gifts We Bring





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8 (NRSVue)

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’

⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.

⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“Faith That Won’t Quit”



God Sends Us Into the World



CLOSING HYMN✝

#414 O Word of God Incarnate

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION✝

SENDING HYMN✝

Go Now In Peace



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



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



You're incapable of taking your wealth with you
to the afterlife, but you can indeed have it greet
you when you arrive.

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



PEP (People Enjoying People)
Join us for lunch at Pioneer Pizza this
Thursday, **October 23, 2025**, at **12:30 p.m.**
4560 Tamiami Tr Port Charlotte.

PRAYER LIST

Bernadine Allesee & Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health & strength</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</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>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Richard Lund	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Louis Miceli & Amy Rupert	-	<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>
Deb Phelps Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Debbie Webb	-	<i>health 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
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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