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Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

The Solid Rock

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Give Thanks

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

All: We will lift up joyous songs and sing your praises.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it rejoice.

All: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

One: For God will come to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

All: Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN✝

#793 For the Beauty of the Earth

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences.

Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH†

The Apostles' Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

I Go to the Rock

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Hiding in Thee

DOXOLOGY†

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

#817 O Bless The Gifts



God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (NRSVue)

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19 (NRSVue)

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation



and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"Working While Waiting"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN✝

#796 In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION✝

SENDING HYMN✝

#764 The Trees of the Field

We thank Mrs. Sue McConnochie for serving as our Liturgist today.



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.

November Blessing Tree
Please help us collect Thanksgiving Food for our Food Pantry community
See list on Blessing Tree sign for more details.

I CAN ONLY
IMAGINE



Movie Night featuring, *I Can Only Imagine*
November 18, 2025 at 5 PM
We will enjoy pizza and drinks.
If you do not drive at night, please call to make arrangements for someone to pick you up.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon
Join us in a spiritual communion with God as we pray with Thanksgiving, adoration and confession

Congregational Meeting



A Called Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday, November 23rd, for the purpose of electing church officers.

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	-	<i>health needs</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Nancy Newport	-	<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 Phelp's family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Bernardo Vieira	-	<i>health needs</i>
Debbie Webb	-	<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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