

*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, December 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you call us to trust you, but we often choose fear instead. You lead us toward life, yet we cling to comfort and control.

You protect the vulnerable, but we turn away from those at risk. You warn us when power becomes cruel, yet we stay silent when we should speak.

Forgive us for ignoring your guidance. Forgive us for failing to act with courage. Forgive us for putting ourselves first.

Lead us again in your way. Give us obedient hearts. Make us ready to follow where you send us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

#813 Glory Be To The Father

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Mary Did You Know?

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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 Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSVue)

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

14 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt


15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi.


17 Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,



20 “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.”





21 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“Good and Obedient Joseph 2”

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

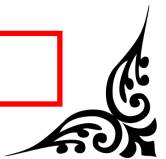
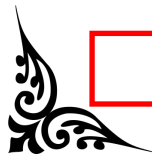
#270 Joy to the World!

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†

SENDING HYMN†

Song of Hope

We thank Mrs. Elaine Woods for being our liturgist today.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



January Blessing Tree

Please take a tag from the Blessing tree to help us provide for our community in need with our Benevolence Fund. Place your tag and check or cash and place in the envelope provided.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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



House of David Series Every Tuesday, Beginning

January 13, 2026

6 PM

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2 - Nancy Sharpless
December 5 - Christine Dukiewicz
December 5 - Jean Heim
December 8 - Susan Thompson
December 18 - Pam Omar
December 20 - Pastor Syl
December 21 - Cathy Asaro
December 23 - Beatrice Mitchell
December 27 - Jim Casselberry
December 29 - Toni Madej

December 1 - Betania & Pastor Syl
December 20 - Alzie & Senior Lee
December 21 - Marjorie Lotz
December 29 - Susan & Mark Thompson

Help us celebrate our December birthdays and Anniversaries with cake and conversation after the service.

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>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Paul Heins & Ann Boubant	-	<i>strength & comfort</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>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Sue Thompson	-	<i>strength & 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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