



*First*  
*Presbyterian Church*  
Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, February 8, 2025*

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



## **CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE**

*There is a Fountain*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHORAL INTROIT**

*Kum Ba Yah*

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE †**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP †**

One: We are salt for the earth.

All: We are a light for the world.

One: Just as no one hides a lamp away,

All: We will offer the world what only we can give.

One: In shining our lights, we will remember:

All: We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.

One: Grateful for mutual enlightenment;

All: We will not drown out another's beam with ours.

## **OPENING HYMN †**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

## *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**

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to You.

We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need.

Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us Your way, the way that leads to justice and peace.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### *We Respond to God*

#### **MINOR DOXOLOGY†**

*#605 Praise To God The Father*

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

PC-USA Brief Statement of Faith

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Wayfaring Stranger*  
Soloist, Veronica Walters

#### **CHILDREN’S BLESSING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

#### **OFFERING HYMN† #816 We Give Thee But Thine Own (1<sup>st</sup> Stanza)**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION†**

#### **HYMN OF DEDICATION†**

*Father Take The Gifts We Bring (modified)*





# *God Speaks to Us*



## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (NRSVue)

1 [Then the Lord said,] Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

3 “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.

4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.



5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

9a Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”





**Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSVue)**

13 [Jesus said,] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**

*#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

**THE PREACHED WORD**

*“Shine That Light”*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE†**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*God Sends Us Into the World*

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†**

**SENDING HYMN†**

*Amen Siakudumisa*



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 22, 2026, immediately following the service. Church Members must attend.

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



***Final Harvest Gospel concert***

**February 8th  
Today at 3 PM**



***House of David Series***

**Every Tuesday  
5 PM**



***Prayer Group***

**Every Wednesday  
12 noon**



***Praise & Prayer Midweek Service***

**Every Thursday  
7 PM**



***Black History Month Luncheon***

**February 22  
11 AM**

# PRAYER LIST

Bernadine Allesee & Family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; comfort</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health &amp; comfort</i>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Sue Thompson	-	<i>strength &amp; 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.



# CHURCH STAFF

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## ELDERS

CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro	Cathy Asaro
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Donna Young	Claudette McLennon	—

## DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Holly Parkin	Hazel Mason
Carol McLennon	Patti Bevens	—
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