



First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Kum Ba Yah

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: We gather in the presence of our God, whose favor is on justice, who loves the liberation of all.

All: We gather to celebrate freedom from oppression and the full humanity of every man, woman, and child.

One: We gather to celebrate the resilience and contributions of Black Americans, and to pledge our continued work to build a just society.

All: Christ calls us to be peacemakers and to work towards justice for all.

One: Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise, open our hearts in gratitude, ...

All: ... and let us do what the Lord asks of us.

OPENING HYMN †

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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

O God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call for unity among our kindred and siblings.

Forgive us when we are bound by our narrow understandings of discipleship. Forgive us when we turn our backs on opportunities to secure a place in your Beloved Community.

Forgive us when we make excuses to be advocates of fairness and justice for the oppressed. Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge each other.

Dear God, through your Holy Spirit, we are drawn to the flame of your empowering love. Through your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship, and through your Holy Spirit, we seek to follow the loving ways of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY †

#605 Praise To God The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Little Innocent Lamb

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Take My Hand /Just A Closer Walk With Thee

OFFERING HYMN †

#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own (1st Stanza)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

HYMN OF DEDICATION †

Father Take The Gifts We Bring (modified)





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSVue)

- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.
- 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.
- 3 The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”
- 4 But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”
- 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
- 6 saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”
- 7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”
- 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory,
- 9 and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”
- 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”
- 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord





THE PREACHED WORD

“Know Your Bible”



HYMN OF RESPONSE † *I’m Goin’a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

God Sends Us Into the World

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION †



SENDING HYMN †

#598 Amen Siakudumisa



“The annual congregational meeting will be held after worship today, February 22, 2026 for the purpose of receiving the session committee reports, the 2026 budget, election of officers, and vote on by-laws changes”.



Join us for our BHM Luncheon immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



House of David Series

Every Tuesday

5 PM



Prayer Group

Every Wednesday

12 noon



Praise & Prayer Midweek Service

Every Thursday

7 PM

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 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro	Cathy Asaro
Nancy Sharpless	—	Ambrose Woods
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	—
Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters	—



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