



First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

His Name is Wonderful

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

All: We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.

One: In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

All: God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still. Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN †

#349 O How He Loves You and Me

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair and felt like there was no chance for life. We struggle to believe in Your



power to resurrect. We struggle to believe in Your power to redeem our pain and fashion something beautiful in this world.

Forgive us. We cry from the depths—however faint our call may be, we pray You hear our voice.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY †

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

As the Deer

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Lamentation

DOXOLOGY †

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER & HYMN OF DEDICATION †

For The Life That You Have Given.

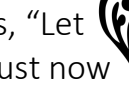

God Speaks to Us

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45 (NRSVue)

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days





longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." 11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you



had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” 45 Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

PRAYER & HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (1st Stanza)

THE PREACHED WORD

“When Fear and Loss Strike”

HYMN OF RESPONSE †

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (2nd Stanza)

God Sends Us Into the World

COMMISSION & BLESSING †

SENDING HYMN †

#764 The Trees Of The Field



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer Group
Every Wednesday
12 noon



Praise & Prayer Midweek Service
Last Service of 2026
7 PM



Jack Dauner Concert
Today
3 PM



PEP Luncheon
March 26, 2026
12:30 PM

NOTES

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>
Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	-	<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>
Alzie Lee Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</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>
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,
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CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro	Cathy Asaro
Nancy Sharpless	—	Ambrose Woods
Donna Young	Claudette McLennon	—

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Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Holly Parkin	Hazel Mason
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Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters	—



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