



First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By His mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All: We rejoice, for we are children of God.

One: We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love, and as His body, we have received salvation.

All: In love and joy, we praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN †

#358 Because He Lives

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Embodied God, You pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that You have shown to us time and again. We experience Your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith.

Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share Your grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines On Me

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PC-USA Brief Statement of Faith

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Jesus, What A Beautiful Name

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

I Will Praise Him

OFFERING HYMN†

#678 We Are An Offering

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

God, We Honor You.





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NLT)

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. 6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 8 You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. 9 The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31 (NRSVue)

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 2 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23



If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” 26 A week later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it on my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

PRAYER & HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“Faithful Testimony”

HYMN OF RESPONSE †

#654 Change My Heart, O God

God Sends Us Into the World

COMMISSION & BLESSING †

SENDING HYMN †

Song of Hope



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer Group
Every Tuesday
5 PM



Prayer Group
Every Wednesday
12 noon



PEP Luncheon
April 30, 2026
12:30 PM

NOTES

PRAYER LIST

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| Bernadine Allesee & Family | - | <i>strength & comfort</i> |
| Richard Barmore | - | <i>health needs</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> |
| Mavis Powell | - | <i>health & comfort</i> |
| Amy Rupert | - | <i>strength & comfort</i> |
| Sue Thompson | - | <i>strength & comfort</i> |
| Bernardo Vieira | - | <i>health needs</i> |
| Danny Webb | - | <i>strength needs</i> |
| Debbie Webb | - | <i>health needs</i> |

FPCPC FAMILY -

If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,
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|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
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| Nancy Sharpless | — | Ambrose Woods |
| Donna Young | Claudette McLennon | — |

DEACONS

| CLASS OF 2026 | CLASS OF 2027 | CLASS OF 2028 |
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| Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen | Holly Parkin | Hazel Mason |
| Carol McLennon | Patti Bevens | — |
| Norma Campbell | Veronica Walters | — |



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