



First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE *Shine on Us*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us, and so we find peace and give thanks.

All: The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.

One: Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy, we have never been alone.

All: We rest in that truth. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OPENING HYMN✝ *#361 Worship Christ, The Risen King (1, 2 & 5)*

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that too often we let the events around us shatter our trust in Your love.

✝ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*



When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence.

When truth gets lost among misleading claims, we wonder if love can prevail over lies.

Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in the power of Your love so soon after it raised Jesus from death's grip.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY †

Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines On Me

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †

Nicene Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Come! Live in the Light!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Great Is the Lord

OFFERING HYMN †

#678 We Are An Offering

PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

HYMN OF DEDICATION †

God, We Honor You .





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10 (NRSVue)

1 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them.

9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“Real And Eternal Life”

HYMN OF RESPONSE †

#654 Change My Heart, O God

God Sends Us Into the World

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION †

SENDING HYMN †

Song of Hope

**CHURCH MEMBERS—PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YET
TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE...**

1. Called Congregational Meeting

For the purpose of electing church officers.

2. Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebration

April 9 – Amina Lee

April 25 – Susan Brembs

April 18 – Delores Cummings

April 26 – Ginny Fisher

April 18 – Sondra Kruse

April 30 – Edith Edwards

April 24 – Hazel Mason

Join us in the Gathering Room to celebrate following the service.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



House of David Season 2

Every Tuesday

5:00 PM



Prayer Group

Every Wednesday

12:00 noon



PEP Luncheon at Pita & Puff

April 30, 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>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Sue Thompson	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>
Debbie Webb	-	<i>health needs</i>
Mariata Williams	-	<i>health 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
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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