

First
Presbyterian Church

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES & APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRELUDE

Here I Am to Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

We Will Glorify

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: God's Word is a lamp to our feet;

All: and a light to our path.

One: God's Word is made visible in Christ;

All: in God we are rooted in truth.

One: God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;

All: and lived out in faithful service.

One: Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.

All: We wait to receive the Word of Life.

OPENING HYMN✝

How Great Is Our God

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know.” “We didn’t mean to.” “We didn’t expect that to happen.” But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices.

Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that Your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PC-USA Brief Statement of Faith

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Purify My Heart

DOXOLOGY†

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

For The Life That You Have Given.





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSVue)

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.

⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up.

⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away.

⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

[...]

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower.

¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.





²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

THE PREACHED WORD

"Soft Hearts, Keep Roots"

HYMN OF RESPONSE✝ *Listen To The Word That God Has Spoken*

God Sends Us Into the World

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION✝

SENDING HYMN✝

Go Make a Difference



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blessing Tree

July Shoe collection (child size 3 – adult 12)



Prayer Group

Wednesdays
12 noon

SERMON NOTES

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PRAYER LIST

Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health & strength</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Lin Christian	-	<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>
Richard Lund	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Amanda Nunez	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Julie Nunez	-	<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>

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	Claudette McLennon	Ambrose Woods
Donna Young	—	Claudemir Sathler

DEACONS

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



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