

First
Presbyterian Church

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES & APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRELUDE

Draw Me Close

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

We Will Glorify

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: Give thanks to God and call on God's holy name.

All: We will tell of God's wonderful works!

One: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

All: We will sing God's praises!

One: Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

All: We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

OPENING HYMN✝

Open the Eyes of My Heart

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit, intercede . . . when we fall short of Your glory, when we do not deserve Your promises, when we do not act like those who have been called Your family.

Spirit, intercede . . . when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what You would have us do.

Spirit, intercede . . . break forth into our lives, forming us into the image of Your Son, that we might never feel separate from You again.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Glorify Your Name

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 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSVue)

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

[...]

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.





⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

THE PREACHED WORD

"Asking the Right Thing"

Guest Preacher: Rev. Vinod I. Gnanaraj

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
Benevolent Fund
Select a tag from the tree to donate



Prayer Group
Wednesdays
12 noon

July Birthdays

July 2 – Charles Brox
July 9 – Richard Lund
July 20 – Valciana Officer
July 21 – Judy Benson
July 24 – Kathy Alexander

July Anniversaries

July 10 – Barbara & John Danalak
July 10 – Sue & Neal McConochie
July 22 – Heather & Weldon DeGroot

***Help us Celebrate after the service
in the Gathering Room***

SERMON NOTES

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>
Gay Sorensen's family	-	<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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