

First
Presbyterian Church

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES & APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRELUDE

I Can Only Imagine
Lauree Duncan, Violinist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

King of Kings

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

All: For God guides us all with justice and equity.

One: Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

All: Come let us worship and offer all honor and praise.

One: O taste and see:

All: God is good.

OPENING HYMN✝

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good—on the love, the compassion, the care—and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty.

But before You, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY✝ *Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

Lauree Duncan, Violinist

OFFERING HYMN✝

#678 We Are An Offering

PRAYER OF DEDICATION✝

HYMN OF DEDICATION✝

God, We Honor You.





God Speaks to Us



New Testament Reading

Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

[¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:

¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”

¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”

¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding?

¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?

¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”



²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“The Day Jesus Sounded Racist”

HYMN OF RESPONSE✝

#654 Change My Heart, O God

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

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>
Derrick & Samantha Reams	-	<i>health & strength</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,
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CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro	Cathy Asaro
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Donna Young	—	Claudemir Sathler

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Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters	—



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