

First
Presbyterian Church

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES & APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRELUDE

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: We come to worship because we love God.

All: All creation praises God's goodness and love.

One: We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

All: Through God's son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

One: We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

All: Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world. Let us worship God together!

OPENING HYMN✝

#21 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION



✝ Please stand in body or in spirit.





PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess to You we are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as You served us, and reflect your glory in this world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

I Delight in You

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Glorify Thy Name

DOXOLOGY†

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

#817 O Bless The Gifts.





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSVue)

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’

²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#414 O Word of God Incarnate (1st Stanza)

THE PREACHED WORD

"Ahead of Us"

HYMN OF RESPONSE✝ *#184 Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

God Sends Us Into the World

CHARGE & BENEDICTION✝

SENDING HYMN✝ *#764 The Trees of the Field*

SERMON NOTES



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Blessing Tree
Food Pantry Thanksgiving Drive
October & November



Prayer Group
Wednesdays
12 noon



Knitting/Crochet Group
Fridays
12:30 PM

September Birthdays

September 6 – John Danylak

September 9 – Eric Bittinger

September 11 – Donna Young

September 16 – Gail Gamble

September Anniversaries

September 19 –
Stephen & Cherie Craig

September 29 –
Joan & Chris Barry

Help us Celebrate after the service in the Gathering Room

PRAYER LIST

Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health needs</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>
Ronald Howard	-	<i>health needs</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>
Gay Sorenson Family	-	<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	Marilda Sathler



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