

Sola Scriptura

*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



Rev. John Knox 1514-1572

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Reformation Month

Sola Fide

Solus Christus

Sola Gratia

Soli Deo Gloria



God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES & APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

We Have Come into His House

EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝

CALL TO WORSHIP✝

One: Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

All: We will bless God's name from day to day.

One: Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

All: For God is great and greatly to be praised.

One: Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

All: We will bring God honor and glory as we worship God's holy name.

OPENING HYMN✝ *#82 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and truth, You ask us to give to You the things that are



Yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised You our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised You our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do Your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities.

Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts You have given us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

Praise To God The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH†

Apostles' Creed

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Raise Me Up
Amy Rupert, soloist

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING HYMN†

#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

Father, Take The Gifts We Bring.





God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:12-29 (NRSVue)

¹² Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. ¹⁶ A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. ¹⁷ Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, ¹⁸ arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life." ²¹ When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching. When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³ "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. ²⁵ Then someone arrived and announced, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching



the people!” ²⁶ Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"Knox Against Tyranny"

HYMN OF RESPONSE✝

#655 Lord, Prepare Me A Sanctuary

God Sends Us Into the World

CHARGE & BENEDICTION✝

SENDING HYMN✝

The Lord Now Send Us Forth

POSTLUDE



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



PEP (People Enjoying People)

Thursday, October 22, 2026, 12:30 PM

@ Donato's Italian

1900 S. Tamiami Tr., Port Charlotte, FL



Knitting/Crochet Group

Fridays

12:30 PM



Blessing Tree

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Drive

October & November

*** Please Note: *No Prayer Group this week.***

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER LIST

Chris Barry	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health needs</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Weldon Degroot	-	<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>
Samantha & Derrick Reams	-	<i>strength & health</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
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Donna Young	—	Claudemir Sathler

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Carol McLennon	Patti Bevens	Sue McConochie
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