

Sola Scriptura

*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



Sola Gratia

Soli Deo Gloria

Sola Fide

Solus Christus

Rev. Dietrich Bonhoeffer
1906-1945

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

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Reformation Month



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: The mountains may shake,

All: but God is our God, and we are God's people.

One: The waters may roar and rage,

All: but God's love is unfailing.

One: The earth may crumble,

All: but God builds us up.

One: The waves may crash,

All: but we will dance with joy!

One: There may be times of great trouble,

All: but we have found grace in the wilderness.

OPENING HYMN✝

#151 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER





CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, You have been faithful to us, but we have not been faithful to you. You have established covenants with us, but we have not upheld our part. We have distorted Your word for our own gain. We have claimed You as exclusively ours. We have focused on power more than discipleship.

We beg Your forgiveness. Reform us again and make us into the image of Your true church.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God's Grace

MINOR DOXOLOGY†

Praise To God The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH†

Nicene Creed

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Great is the Lord

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 READINGS

Proverbs 9:10 (NRSVue)

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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 *#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

THE PREACHED WORD "Bonhoeffer and Stupidity"

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*

SERMON NOTES



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer Group

Wednesdays

12 noon



Knitting/Crochet Group

Fridays

12:30 PM



Blessing Tree

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Drive

October & November

October Birthdays

October 1 – Rayetta Bittinger

October 5 – Joan Hawkins

October 25 – Myra Rose

October 30 – Malachi Barrett

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

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>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Samantha & Derrick Reams	-	<i>strength & health</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,
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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
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