

**The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte is:  
To be a beacon in the community by leading all people into a life changing,  
ever growing relationship with Jesus Christ.**

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Class of 2017: Doris Coddington, Dottie Messick, Don Phillips, Elaine Woods  
Class of 2018: Dottie Gamble, Pauline Paquin, Laverne Sinkia, Donald Whitmarsh  
Class of 2019 Andy Buell, Clarence Diersing, Addie Schaad, Diane Schmidt

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Richard Lund (President), Ron Smith (Vice President)  
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Class of 2017: Bob Hull (Member at Large)  
Class of 2018: Clarence Diersing (Member at Large)

**April 23, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church  
2230 Harriet St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
(941) 625-5045 [www.fpcpc.com](http://www.fpcpc.com)**



*WELCOME*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### Chimes

### Greetings

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

### Prelude

*Psalm 23*

Judy Prier  
by Burkhardt

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Leader: Although we have not seen Christ,

**People: we love Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Leader: Even though we do not see Christ now,

**People: we believe in Jesus and rejoice with an indescribable joy.**

Leader: We have been given a new birth into a living hope,

**People: through the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: Come, worship the living Christ,

**People: whom we haven't seen, but we have come to believe. Amen.**

### Introit

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Chancel Choir  
C. Winfred Douglas

### Opening Prayer

**Holy God, You have transformed absurd impossibility into reality: resurrection... You have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn, You have called us out of the tombs we inhabit into an undreamed of tomorrow, and we praise you for this day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

## Calendar of Events

### SUNDAY, April 23

Sunday School for all ages	9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Christian Education Meeting	11:15 a.m.
Personnel Meeting	11:15 a.m.

### MONDAY, April 24

Exercise Class Monday – Thursday (All are invited - \$1 per class)	9:00 a.m.
Building & Grounds Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Scholarship Committee Meeting	5:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, April 25

Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Youth Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
Adorn Ave. Neighborhood Watch Meeting	6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, April 26

Peace Piecers - MacDonald Hall	9:30 a.m.
Cards & Games	1:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, April 27

Breakfast Bunch	8:00 a.m.
Guitar Lessons	12:30 p.m.
Mahjongg (all are invited)	1:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, April 28

Office Closed

### SATURDAY, April 29

Office Closed	
Disconnected Quilters	10:00 a.m.

### PRAYER LIST

Walter Sherman, Brian O'Neil, Marilyn Miller, Donna Livengood, Donna Wells, Charlotte Taylor, Ricky Messer, Mavis Powell, Don Sorensen, Herb & Jean Heim, Jeff Taylor, Ann DeVare, Vera Allcroft, Lynn Reim, AudreyAnn Parent, Paul Doczy, Desiree Gamble, Carl & Barbara Rehm, Davie Levi, RuthAnn Jones, Charlotte Taylor, Brenda Cantanese, Dorothy Hartman, 3 month old baby Lillian, Charlotte Jean Reynolds Pat Blanchard, Addie Schaad, Lauryn Sanitz & Chrysay Sanitz, Louise Bankard, David VanLeer, Joyce Hostutler, Stephen Powell, Clarence Diersing, Leila Rohlehr Walt Langenberg, Roy Messick, Gail Hanna, Lesley Shane and Bob Hull

*If you would like to be added or removed from this list please call the church office (941-625-5045).*

### MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to join our church family, we encourage you to call the Church office at (941) 625-5045 to speak with Rev. Terri Jo Crego. New members are welcomed by Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation of Faith, Letter of Transfer, or as an Affiliate Member if you wish to retain your membership in another congregation.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

If you would like to have intercessory prayer for yourself or for others, come to the Chapel following the service. The Chapel is located on the left side of the Narthex as you exit the Sanctuary.



### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Thine Is The Glory*

*Blue Hymnal #122*

### Invitation to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Redeeming God, with you there is always more life, more hope, more joy. When doubt assails us, and we fail to recognize you at work in our lives,

**All: Lord, have mercy!**

Leader: When fear impairs our faith, and our eyes and ears and hearts do not know you,

**All: Christ, have mercy!**

Leader: When anger and sorrow stop us from doing the risky work of love,

**All: Lord, have mercy!**

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Look around you: as close as your own beating heart, and in the eyes of your nearest neighbor, grace abounds at the heart of all life. You are all God's children, loved without condition. Go in that peace.

**All: Amen.**

### \*Congregational Response

*Gloria Patri*

### Scripture Reading from the Old Testament

*Psalm 16*

*Pages 495 & 496*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Anthem

*Agnus Dei*

Chancel Choir

*H. Sorenson*

### Prayers Of The People And The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*Blue Hymnal #399*

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading From The New Testament

*John 20: 19-31*

*Page 115*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Proclamation of the Word

*Restless Faith*

Rev. Terri Jo Crego

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Presentation of Tithes and Offering

*Adagio*

*by John Bennett*

### \*Congregational Response

*Doxology*

### Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Hymn of Dedication

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

*Blue Hymnal #151*

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*The Regal Trumpet*

*by Paxton*