



# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship  
Sunday January 17, 2009  
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Our Mission:  
**Serving Christ In Our Community and the World**

The Prelude

***Panis Angelicus***  
***Arioso (Thanks Be to God)***  
STEVE CROSBY, PIANO

CÉSAR FRANCK  
G. F. HANDEL

Welcome and Life Together

\* Call to Worship

Leader: This is the first day of a new week. I stand to call you to worship and to remind you that God is not only alive, but is with us here and now.

All: *We have come to worship God. We have come to remember this God who gives us life and who in Jesus Christ teaches us how to live now. This same Christ also promises us life beyond death.*

Leader: Then, let us begin to thank and praise God for Jesus Christ and for the gift of our life. Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise

TOULON

***I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art***

1. *I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.*
2. *Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in every place:  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.*
3. *Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,  
and give us strength in every trying hour.*
4. *Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
no harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:  
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,  
that we may dwell in perfect unity.*
5. *Our hope is in no other save in Thee;  
our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
that in Thy strength we evermore endure.*

Prayer of Adoration

## Prayers of Confession

Leader: Let us admit to God what we have done that we know is wrong.

*All: O God, who can make all things new, we confess that we have misused your good gifts to us. We have passed up opportunities for meeting the needs of others; we have accepted half-truths, we have made superficial judgments of others, and we have given in to times of cynicism and despair. Forgive us for the unkind words we have spoken about others, forgive our unsympathetic hearts, forgive our false ambitions, and forgive every unworthy purpose which has ruled our lives. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Sung response: (Kyrie)

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Because we have been forgiven by God, let us also forgive each other. And as Paul said: "Let none of you repay evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and be at peace with God and each other."

\* Gloria Patri #805

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!*

## Children's Time (10:00 a.m.)

### First Reading

Luke 15:11-24

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<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## Response

***Bless Thou the Gifts***

Robert Schumann

**Amen.**

## 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.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Please pass the friendship pads.)

The Offertory **Offertory**

JOHN NESS BECK

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

\* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Second Reading

Luke 15:25-31

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<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours."

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

***What is So Amazing About Grace?***

\* Hymn of Commitment #502

***Amazing Grace***

NEW BRITAIN

- 1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.*
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*
- 3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*
- 4. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*
- 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

\* Commission

Leader: God's grace surrounds you as you go.

All: *We go to share this amazing grace.*

\* Benediction

Postlude

***His Holiness and Power***

ARR. DAVID CARNES & BETH HUMBER

***(All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name/Holy, Holy, Holy)***

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**Dr. Robert W. Bohl**

We are privileged to welcome the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Bohl was called to be the Interim Stated Supply at FPC Naples in November, 2006, serving with us until August of 2008. Dr. Bohl is Honorably Retired, a resident of Naples, and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. His accomplishments in ministry are many and significant, including his service as Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, the Village Presbyterian Church of Prairie Village, and Moderator of the PCUSA General Assembly in 1994. He is now the Chairman of the Board at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Preaching:

Dr. Robert Bohl

Assisting:

Dr. Edward Thompson

Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ

Dr. Brice Gerlach

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Ed Lindsay (Head Usher), Paul and Janie Casassa,  
Pete and Jo Debbink, Bob Martin, Shirley Hagerson,  
Dick and Sue Vogel, Gary and Donna Tincu, George and Ann Goodnight

10:00 a.m. Jack Marsh (Head Usher), Tom and Marion De Lessio,  
Chris Miller, Barbara Marsh, Bob Martin, Clayton Weigel,  
Colin Weigel, Taylor Henderson, Sander Langebeeke,  
Danielle Langebeeke, Melanie Pierce, Nicole Pierce, Natalie Perez

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Jake and Jean Stap, Sue Vernia, Tom and Jane Woodruff

10:00 a.m. John and Polly Huston, Joanne Orr, Donna Desmond

Stephen Minister (Spencer Hall): 8:30 a.m. Janie Casassa

10:00 a.m. Barbara Gibson

*Donations to the Sanctuary Flower Fund have been made by  
Peter and Dianne Gilbody in loving memory of Dianne's parents,  
George and Eddie Bartel.*

*We express our condolences to the family and friends of  
Leslie Waldbillig, who died on January 13.*

### **Haiti Earthquake Response**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is already at work in Haiti alongside mission partners in Action by Churches Together. Financial gifts can be made via our church. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Naples, with the memo line to read: Haiti/PDA. There is also Hands on Help, gathering at the Naples High School on Sunday, January 24 from noon to 5:00 p.m. to assist with packing food.

### **Flower Calendar**

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person, sign up on the flower calendar in Spencer Hall. For more information about available flower dedication dates, contact Lesley Frost at 262.1311 ext. 236 or [lesleyf@fpcnaples.org](mailto:lesleyf@fpcnaples.org).

### **Prayer Concerns**

#### **Hospital:**

Charlie Minard (f)

#### **Other Concerns:**

Gertrude Bechtel (3)

Julian Bell (f)

Lt. Dan Burgess (f)

Denise Collins (f)

Tom Corvin (f)

Lila Crosby Kalm (f)

Chris Cromer (f)

Kelly Dwyer (f)

Luke Filkins (f)

Don Green (20)

Bob Hand (f)

Alex Hart (12)

Pat Hartley (f)

Jan Hertel (1)

John Hoover family (f)

Judy Humphrey (22)

John Jervis (11)

Larry Jones (f)

Irene M. Lichtefeld Neff (5)

June MacDuff (25)

Robin Maloney (20)

Dianne Mansfield (f)

Stephen Mansfield (f)

Spl. David Martin (f)

Marge Martin (3)

Alex McAslan (23)

Wade & Pat McCorkle (7)

Spl.4 Christopher Oberhaus

Bob & Dorothy Pash (16)

John Pfouts (7)

Betty Quillman (12)

Brandy Riber (f)

Mark Rideout (f)

Sgt. Kyle Romohr (f)

Margie Rustman (f)

Kevin Sawyer (f)

Gordon Short (f)

Jennifer Smith (f)

Dan Stellema (26)

Peter Stopoulos (f)

Kurt Thomas (f)

Dorothy Wilson (26)

U.S. Military

Stephen Ministers and

care receivers

(#) = parish number

(f) = non-member