

**Giving Birth**

Genesis 18:13-14

<sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.'

Exodus 2:2-3

<sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

Luke 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup>You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.'

Choir Response **Mothering God** JOHN BELL  
*Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of the world. Creator, Source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun. Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

**Giving Praise**

1 Samuel 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.' My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. <sup>2</sup>There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

Luke 1:46-48

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

Hymn #320 **Come, Let Us Praise the Lord** (vs.1) DARWALL  
1. *Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.*

Hymn #723 **Revive Us Again** (vs. 1) REVIVE US AGAIN  
1. *We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. Refrain: Hallelujah! thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah! thine the glory; revive us again.*

**Giving Testimony**

Ruth 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

Acts 18:26

<sup>26</sup>He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately.

**Adult Enrichment****3D @ FPC**

Join us each Wednesday evening in May for a great "3D" opportunity. Each week from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. we'll explore a topic of faith and follow the **Discovery** and **Discussion with Dessert**.

May 12: What Happened to the Disciples? You know all about them when they were with Jesus, but then what happened to the disciples?

May 19: Seeing Red? - Pentecost, the real celebration

May 26: Ordinary Time - It is anything but Ordinary

Please contact Kathleen Law at 262.1311 ext. 213 or kathleenl@fpcnaples.org if you plan on joining us. Childcare provided upon request.

**Parent Talk**

If you have children at home, we would like to talk with you. We want to hear about your hopes for your children and explore how we, the church community, can help. We have scheduled time for a get-together on Monday, May 10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided. For more information or to register, please contact James McDonald, at jamesm@fpcnaples.org, or Kathleen Law, at kathleenl@fpcnaples.org or 262.1311.

**Liturgical Training**

Would you like to use your gifts to assist in Worship? Please consider this opportunity. On Sunday, May 16 at 10:45 a.m. in the downstairs conference room we offer a "Liturgical Training" workshop. This 90 minute program covers public speaking, prayer preparation, developing context information for the Scripture readings, and much more. For additional information and registration, please contact James McDonald at jamesm@fpcnaples.org, or Kathleen Law at kathleenl@fpcnaples.org or by calling 262.1311.

**Book Lovers?**

We need a few booklovers to help with the church library. Please contact James McDonald, 262.1311 ext. 215 or Kathleen Law ext. 213 in the church education office.

**Congregational Care****With Sympathy**

Our heartfelt sympathies go to Jody and Jim Donaldson following the death of Jody's father on April 29 and to the family and friends of Jesse Shaffer who passed away in Ohio on May 5.

**Hearing Aid Devices Available**

First Presbyterian Church has personal hearing aid devices available in the Sanctuary for your use during worship services. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Speakers Forum**

A speakers forum presented by Lee Memorial Hospital's Driving Rehabilitation Program on Tuesday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Resource Center (660 Tamiami Trail North #21— next bldg. south of the Clock Restaurant). The program is entitled "Driving: Having the Conversation" and is not necessarily targeted for Alzheimer's victims. All interested in learning the "how" to have this conversation with a loved one are encouraged to attend.

**Visitors – Welcome**

We invite you to stop by our Welcome Center, located in Spencer Hall, to learn more about First Presbyterian Church. A special gift awaits our first-time guests.

**Children and Youth****Crosswalk/Children's Sunday School**

Children in grades 1-5 will remain in worship this morning. Clipboards with Bible lesson activities for your child can be found at the church entrances. Pre-K through Kindergarten may join the nursery children.

**Support the High School Summer Mission Trip to Mexico**

Stop by the Mexico Mission table in Spencer Hall to meet some of the students participating in this year's trip and to learn more about the many ways you can help – from prayer to sponsorship to so much more. For more information, contact Monty Richards at 825.1682 or montyr@fpcnaples.org.

**Middle School Mission Trip**

Take on a **Challenge to Change** August 8 - 13. This program is designed to combine hands-on mission with fact finding opportunities that increase awareness of poverty and social justice issues. Space is limited. Non-refundable deposit of \$100 due by June 15. Total cost of \$200, due by July 15, includes meals, air-conditioned lodging, camp activities, and transportation. Contact Monty Richards at 825.1682 or montyr@fpcnaples.org for additional information.

**Education Ministries**

Help! We still need you to share an hour this summer with our children. Sign up for a Sunday in the Summer. Contact James McDonald at jamesm@fpcnaples.org or Kathleen Law at kathleenl@fpcnaples.org or by calling 262.1311. You may also sign up in Spencer Hall today.

**News and Events****Summer Choir**

Summer Choir has begun. The choir meets each Sunday morning during the summer months at 8:45 a.m. in the Choir Room for warm-up and rehearsal before singing for the 9:30 a.m. service. If you would like to be part of our group, just come to a Sunday morning rehearsal. For more information, please call Brice Gerlach at 262.1311 ext. 239, or email briceg@fpcnaples.org.

**Prayer Concerns****Hospital:**

Sharon Cumming (4)  
Bob Pash (16)  
John Pfouts (7)  
Dick Shineman (22-NY)  
Marilyn Vernon (8)  
Bruce Walters (f-KY)

**Other Concerns:**

Jeff Arnold (f)  
Joey Bei (f)  
Agnes Bouquin (f)  
Lt. Dan Burgess (f)  
Evan Carew (f)  
Rene Charvet (f)  
Denise Collins (f)  
Chris Cromer (f)  
Nancy Davies (f)  
Luke Filkins (f)

Don Green (20)  
Alice Hainline (22)  
Bob Hand (f)  
Alex Hart (12)  
Jan Hertel (1)  
Ronald Hughes (f)  
Jennifer & Evan (f)  
John Jervis (26)  
Chris Jones (10)  
Bill Kuenzle (25)  
Betty Jean Leader (25)  
Brock Lyons (f)  
Robin Maloney (20)  
Stephen Mansfield (f)  
Patricia McCorkle (7)  
Wade McCorkle (7)  
Matthew Miller (f)  
Judy Norton (12)

Katie Pennock (5)  
Margie Rustman (f)  
Alice Sherwood (10)  
Gene Smith (f)  
Cheryl Spates (f)  
Peter Stopoulos (f)  
Kurt Thomas (f)  
Harriet Tobin (7)  
Linda Waller (f)  
Bruce Walters (f)  
Dorothy Wilson (26)  
Jonathan Wilson (f)  
Peggy Wilson (f)  
U.S. Military  
Stephen Ministers and  
care receivers  
(#) = parish number  
(f) = non-member

Luke 24:8-10

<sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary of the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

\*Hymn #576 **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** (vs. 1, 2) ASSAM

1. *I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus—no turning back, no turning back.*
2. *The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me—no turning back, no turning back.*

Prayers for Others 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 **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** KATHLEEN THOMERSON  
ARR. RICHARD ERICKSON

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the World. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.*

\* 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.*

Reception of New Members

Joining the church today: Christopher & Samantha Schreiber Nind,  
E. Jane Ruprecht, Alan & Suzanne Van Ness

Leader: Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture these members by word and deed, with love and prayer encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

**All: We do.**

Leader: Trusting in God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**New Members: I do.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**New Members: I do.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his Love?

**New Members: I will with God's help.**

Leader: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, sharing in our worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**New Members: I will with God's help.**

Prayer of Blessing

Welcome

*All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Christ.*

\* Hymn **Called as Partners in Christ's Service** (vs. 1, 2, 4) BEECHER

1. *Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.*
2. *Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old, Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.*
4. *So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase, Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.*

\* Commission

Leader: As mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers,

All: *We go to serve the Lord in word and in deed.*

\* Benediction

Postlude **Toccata in Seven** JOHN RUTTER

Preaching: Dr. Edward Thompson  
Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ Dr. Brice Gerlach  
Ushers: Gary Jarrell, Sandy Johnson (Head Ushers), Tom & Marion DeLessio, Dorothy Douglas, Fred & Jan Garner, Shirley Hagerson, Bob Kibler, Jr., Millie Klemp, Phyllis Kruger, Betty Mangos, Lamar Oxford, Rudy & Julie McCullough  
Greeters: Rich & Joan Eisenhauer, Jack & Joyce Tiller, Louise Daub  
Stephen Minister (Spencer Hall): Barbara Gibson

*Donations to the Sanctuary Flower Fund have been made by Nancy Johnson in loving memory of Kathryn Wells*

*and*

*Mike Kaufman in loving memory of Henry C. and Sonja Kaufman by their children, grandchildren and friends of FPC*

*and*

*Al Diephouse in loving memory of his wife, Margaret Diephouse*

*and*

*In honor of Aden Michael Rutherford on the occasion of his dedication to the Lord today at the Baptist Church in Minneapolis by his Great Grandmother and Great Grandfather Rutherford.*



# First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship  
Sunday, May 9, 2010  
9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:

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

The Prelude

**Prelude in Classic Style**

GORDON YOUNG

Welcome and Life Together

\* Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever.*

\* Hymn of Praise #353 **For the Beauty of the Earth**

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1. *For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
2. *For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
3. *For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
4. *For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

All: *Almighty God, we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done. Before you O Lord and Savior we express that we are sorry and repent of our sins. Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.*

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Sung response: **Spirit of the Living God**

All: *Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ befriend us, and the Spirit renew and change our lives.

All: *God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Amen.*

\* 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!*

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