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First Presbyterian Church  
of Fort Myers

We're LIVE Online  
Sunday @ 11:00 AM  
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#### STAFF

Dr. Paul de Jong  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Roger Peterson  
Minister of Music

Barbara Peterson  
Church Accompanist

Frank Meyer  
Church Organist

Sheryl de Jong  
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Connor Pcolar  
Mike Pcolar  
Sound & Projection

Sheryl de Jong  
Briana Molnar  
Nursery

#### We Thank God For . . . .

**Percussion**.....Mike Pcolar  
**Ushers** .....Captain, Steve Culbertson  
Jan Culbertson, Don Musa, Kathy Musa, Nancy Whitman  
**MINISTERS** .....Members of First Presbyterian Church

**ELDERS:** Keith Olson, Clerk of Session  
JoAnn Beaumont, Larry Burbidge, Richard Chappelle,  
Steve Culbertson, Max Furbringer, Pat Furbringer,  
Jimmy Johnston, Linda Kuieck, Joe Spielman

**DEACONS:** Sheryl de Jong, Moderator  
Donna Billins, Georgia Burbidge, Bonnie Chappelle,  
Christopher Doyle, Josh Henry, Denise Johnston,  
Sharon Meola, Lisett Melchor, Kathy Musa,  
Pati Sempstrott

**TRUSTEES:** Joe Spielman, President  
Forrest Banks, Robert Halgrim, Leigh Hayes,  
Pete Kouwenhoven, Pat Mann, Larry Nixon,  
Betty Olson, Mike Pcolar, Betty Ann Prevatt  
**Nominating Committee 2023:** Steve Culbertson, Chair  
Sheryl de Jong, Pat Furbringer, Leigh Hayes, Kay Henry,  
Linda Kuieck, Cathy Pcolar, Pati Sempstrott

**Coed Adult Class 9:30 AM**

**Straight Talk** with Pastor Paul de Jong

#### SUMMER HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on  
Friday during June, July & August.



July 23, 2023

Adult Sunday School 9:30 -Worship 11:00

## First Presbyterian Church In the Heart of Fort Myers

*Living, sharing, teaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Welcome! We're Glad You Are Here



## PRAISE

† Our New Members

† Our many blessings

## PRAYERS

Patti Bell  
Penny Bodeck  
Richard Chappelle  
Linda Digman Roll  
Barry Day  
Maria de Jong  
Max Furbringer  
Sue Grimes  
Devin Grossman  
Harriet Hart  
Bruce & Jean Hengge  
Edgar Ittner Jr.  
Tom Jeremiah  
Paul Kennedy  
Cal Knapp  
Joanna Kortik  
Ralf & Misa Kortik  
Dick Kuieck  
Niki Lachia  
Anne Lincoln  
Dick Little  
Walter Maginness  
Julia McKinnon  
Pat Mesker  
Ruth Moon  
Don & Kathy Musa  
Ron Nicholson  
Betty Olson  
Camilo Parro  
Lois Sayler  
Pati Sempstrott  
David Tashchyan  
Susan Thomas  
Mary Thurman  
Mary Alice Waldron  
Brandon Webb  
Fred & Michelle Wiggins

## GREAT BANQUET

Join us today for worship and special music at the [Great Banquet Gathering](#) beginning at 5:00 PM followed by a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM. **Everyone is welcome!**

## WELCOME

Today we welcome into our family of faith the following new members:  
Jeanne Dozier, Joe Onzick, Kyle Overton, Judy Padour, Lee Roll and Lois Sayler,

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank my Church family and friends for all your good wishes, beautiful cards, texts, phone calls, flowers, gifts and personal visits at work to wish me a happy birthday. Your gift of friendship is a blessing and your kindness was greatly appreciated and will remain in my heart. Thank you all for making it special. ~ *Bonnie Lee*

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

John & Vicki  
Bill & Karen  
Jerry & Sharon,  
Lemuel & Pam,  
Jessie, Joe, Wilson  
Gary, Sarah, Abigail  
Becky & Peter  
Bill & Pat  
Rachael and baby Avonlea  
Sean, Stephanie, and baby Reed  
Anthony, Barbara, James, Aubrey, ,Steve, Julie,  
Catherine, Rose, Cliff, Trinity, Maria, Earl, Claudia,  
Steve, Ron, Fred, Eli, Jesse, Linda, Jordan, Ian,  
Libby, Sonya, Bonnie, Jon, Alicia, Rosemary,  
Josephine, Carolyn, Mickey, Terry, Johnnie, Jean

## WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY ~ July 23, 2023

**Prelude** .....*Praise Him! Praise Him!*  
Frank Meyer, Organ  
Barbara Peterson, Piano

**Welcome and Invocation**.....Dr. Paul de Jong  
*Prayer Requests can be TEXTED to Pastor Paul at 239-314-8132*

\* **Hymn of Praise**.....#106 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

**Reception of New Members**

**Greeting One Another**

\* **Greeting Song**.....*Surely the Presence*

**Special Music** .....John and Diane Fisher, Duet

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**.....Mary Ann Hughey

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Receiving Our Offerings**

**Instrumental Offertory** .....*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

\* **Doxology & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

\* **Song of Preparation** .....#87 *May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

**Scripture: Numbers 35:1-34**

**Piano Meditation:** Barbara Peterson

**Sermon: *A Place of Refuge***

**Dr. Paul de Jong**

\* **Hymn**.....#497 *Near to the Heart of God*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand if you are able

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** The Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God by **Chuck and Sandy Dorst** in honor and in celebration of 60 years of marriage.