

First Presbyterian Church
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**First Presbyterian Church
of Fort Myers**

**We're LIVE Online
Sunday @ 11:00 AM
www.fpcfortmyers.org**

STAFF

Dr. Paul de Jong
Senior Pastor

Rev. Roger Peterson
Minister of Music

Barbara Peterson
Church Accompanist

Frank Meyer
Church Organist

Sheryl de Jong
Director of Christian Education

Bonnie Lee DiGrazia
Administrative Assistant

Jean Ann Gogerty
Financial Secretary

Rebecca Hayes
Connor Pcolar
Mike Pcolar
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Sheryl de Jong
Briana Molnar
Nursery

We Thank God For

Percussion.....Mike Pcolar
UshersCaptain, Cathy Pcolar
Richard Chappelle, Bob Harvey, Diane Harvey,
Connor Pcolar, Doug Tussey,

MINISTERSMembers 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

Monday, September 4th

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, September 7th

Missions & Evangelism Meeting 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 9th

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:30 AM

Great Banquet Team Meeting 10:00 AM



September 3, 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 many blessings

PRAYERS

Patti Bell
Phil Bennett
Millie Caggiano
Richard Chappelle
Debbie Damery
Karen Donovan
Maria de Jong
Linda Digman Roll
Max Furbringer
Sue Grimes
Devin Grossman
Harriet Hart
Bruce Hengge
Edgar Ittner Jr.
Joanna Kortik
Ralf & Misa Kortik
Dick Kuieck
Niki Lachia
Anne Lincoln
Dick Little
Walter Maginness
Bob Masson
Pastor Scott McKee
Pat Mesker
Wes Monty
Heather Morency
Betty Olson
Zeb Parker
Camilo Parro
Les Pilkington
Darrell Prevatt
Lois Saylor
Barb Segel
Pati Sempstrott
David Tashchyan
Susan Thomas
Mary Thurman
Belkis Velasquez
Mary Alice Waldron
Brandon Webb
Fred & Michelle Wiggins

MENS' BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Sign up today on the enclosed insert for the upcoming **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** on **Saturday, September 9th** at 8:30 AM in Galloway Hall. Chef Jeff will make a delicious breakfast and Pastor Paul will lead the Bible Study.



THANK YOU

Special thanks to the following people for painting the walls on the second floor and the wall across from the choir room. Great job!

Gary Balcer
Beverly Cox
Chris & Christopher Doyle
Jeff Hughey
Mike & Cathy Pcolar



CONTINUED PRAYERS

Everyone impacted by Hurricane Idalia

Ann & Steve
Marilyn & Kasey
Bill & Karen
Lemuel & Pam,
Jessie, Joe, Wilson
Gary, Sarah, Abigail
Libby, Lisa, Rose
Becky & Peter
Bill & Pat
Rachael and baby Avonlea
Sean, Stephanie, and baby Reed
Sylvia, Linda, John, Donna, Stephanie, Christopher,
David, Debbie, Ella, Anthony, Barbara, James,
Aubrey, Steve, Julie, Catherine, Rose, Ron, Fred,
Eli, Jesse, Libby, Bonnie, Jon, Alicia, Rosemary,
Josephine, Carolyn, Mickey, Terry, Johnnie, Jean,
Betsy, Beverly, Pete, Alexa, Sonya

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY ~ September 3, 2023

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*
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

Question: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Hymn of Praise** #8 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Greeting One Another

***Greeting Song** *Surely the Presence*
Special Music *Let's Break Bread Together*
Mike Pcolar, Saxophone

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-32 Mary Ann Hughey

Unison Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Receiving Our Offerings

Offertory *Glory! Glory! (I Feel Better)*
Frank and Carole Meyer, Duet

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

***Song of Preparation** #345 *Blessed Assurance*

Scripture: Mark 4:1-20

Piano Meditation: Barbara Peterson

Sermon: *The Parable of the Sower*
Dr. Paul de Jong

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***The Apostles' Creed**

***Hymn** #282 *The Family of God*

Postlude

CHANCEL FLOWERS The Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God by **Jeanne Dozier** in loving memory of her beloved husband, *Joseph Dozier*.