

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
Sound & Projection

Sheryl de Jong
Briana Molnar
Nursery

We Thank God For

Percussion.....Mike Pcolar
UshersCaptain, Kay Henry
Jackie Badger, Larry Henry, Denise Johnston,
Jimmy Johnston, Gloria Ray, Howard Ray,
Roman Tashchyan, Ginny Wallace

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

<u>Monday, October 2nd</u>	
Deacons Meeting	6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, October 3rd</u>	
Community Bible Study	10:00 AM
<u>Thursday, October 5th</u>	
Missions Committee	10:00 AM
<u>Saturday, October 7th</u>	
Grounds Committee	7:00 - 10:00 AM
GB Women's Team Meeting	9:00 AM



October 1, 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
Richard Chappelle
Carole Coats
Sherrie Conover
Debbie Damery
Maria de Jong
Linda Digman Roll
Max Furbringer
Sue Grimes
Devin Grossman
Harriet Hart
Tom Hutchinson
Edgar Ittner Jr.
Louise Ittner
Joanna Kortik
Ralf & Misa Kortik
Dick Kuieck
Niki Lachia
Anne Lincoln
Dick Little
Walter Maginness
Pastor Scott McKee
Jack Merchant
Pat Mesker
Wes Monty
Heather Morency
Betty Olson
Camilo Parro
Les Pilkington
Judy Puletti
Lois Saylor
Barb Segel
Pati Sempstrott
Joe Spielman
Mary Thurman
Carolyn Vermilya
Esther Waldron
Mary Alice Waldron
Brandon Webb
Betty Ziehl

PASTOR & STAFF APPRECIATION

*Session has designated October as
Pastor & Staff Appreciation Month.*

Every church recognizes the important work their staff does, but it can be hard to know how to show appreciation. This year we are asking that you send a card with a personal note, and if you feel led you may also enclose a love offering or gift card to show your appreciation. So often we forget to say "Thanks." This is an opportunity to show your appreciation for all they do. The Session appreciates your expression of thanks and generosity.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Missions & Evangelism Committee invites you to participate in *Operation Christmas Child 2023*.

Please use the enclosed insert and select how you would like to support this mission. Boxes are available as you exit church in the narthex. **DEADLINE - November 5th**

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Fire victims in Maui
Earthquake victims in Morocco
Lenora & Amy
Don & Carol
Ann & Steve
Marilyn & Kasey
Lemuel & Pam,
Jessie, Joe, Wilson
Gary, Sarah, Abigail
Libby, Lisa, Rose
Becky & Peter
Bill & Pat
Rachael and baby Avonlea
Sean, Stephanie, and baby Reed
Marsha, Bonnie, Dave, Sylvia, Linda, John, Donna,
Stephanie, Christopher, David, Debbie, Ella, Anthony,
Barbara, James, Aubrey, Steve, Julie, Catherine,
Fred, Eli, Jesse, Jon, Alicia, Rosemary, Josephine,
Mickey, Terry, Johnnie, Jean, Betsy, Beverly, Pete,
Alexa, Sonya

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY ~ October 1, 2023

Prelude *O Worship the King*
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.....#10 *O Worship the King*

Greeting One Another

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

Special Music*Moment By Moment*
Dick Kuieck, Solo

Scripture Reading: Malachi 4:1-6.....Shirley DeJean

Unison Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Receiving Our Offerings

Instrumental Offertory*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

*Doxology & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Song of Preparation#195 *Nothing But the Blood*

Scripture: Mark 6:7-29

Piano Meditation: Barbara Peterson

Sermon: *Jesus and John the Baptist*

Dr. Paul de Jong

Sacrament of Holy Communion

* The Apostles' Creed

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

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

CHANCEL FLOWERS The Chancel flowers today are given
to the glory of God by **Ginny Wallace** in honor of the
First Presbyterian Church Deacons.