

**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  
**Ushers** .....Captain, Kay Henry  
Jackie Badger, Larry Henry, Denise Johnston,  
Jimmy Johnston, Gloria Ray, Howard Ray,  
Roman Tashchyan, Ginny Wallace

**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

#### Monday, October 16th

Trustees Meeting 5:00 PM

Session Meeting 6:00 PM

#### Tuesday, October 17th

Community Bible Study 10:00 AM

Thursday, October 19th - Sunday, October 22nd  
Great Banquet #37 (Men)



**October 15, 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  
† Devin Grossman is cancer free! Thank you for all the prayers

## PRAYERS

Prayers for Israel  
Jairo Arias  
Wendall Bearden  
Jim Becker  
Patti Bell  
Phil Bennett  
Patricia Carlo  
Richard Chappelle  
Carole Coats  
Sherrie Conover  
Debbie Damery  
Beth Filiowich  
Max Furbringer  
Sue Grimes  
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  
Pati Sempstrott  
Mary Thurman  
Carolyn Vermilya  
Esther Waldron  
Mary Alice Waldron

## 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.

## THANK YOU

**Special thanks** to the following people who helped with the monthly grounds workday on Saturday, October 7th: Sharon Meola, Kathy Musa, Cathy Pcolar, Mike Pcolar and Gerry Tussey

## 2024 FLOWER CHART

The 2024 Flower Chart is available to sign up on in the church office. Print your name, dedication (honor or memory of) and if you would like to keep or donate the flowers, or keep one and donate one. Cost: \$40

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Inserts to select how you would like to support this mission are available from the ushers in the narthex. Boxes are available as you exit church in the narthex also.

**DEADLINE - November 5th**

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

Lemuel & Pam, Becky & Peter, Bill & Pat,  
Jessie, Joe, Wilson,  
Gary, Sarah & Abigail  
Libby, Lisa, Rose  
Rachael and baby Avonlea  
Sean, Stephanie, and baby Reed

Bonnie, Dave, Sylvia, Linda, John, Donna, Stephanie,  
Christopher, David, Debbie, Ella, Anthony, Eli, Jesse,  
Jon, Alicia, Rosemary, Josephine, Mickey, Terry,  
Johnnie, Jean, Betsy, Beverly, Pete, Alexa, Janette,  
Marsha

## WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY ~ October 15, 2023

**Prelude** ..... Jeffrey Fabisiak, Violin  
*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
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** ..... #88 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**Greeting One Another**

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

**Special Music** ..... *Down by the Riverside*  
Frank and Carole Meyer, Duet

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 29:13-16** ..... Donna Billins

**Assurance of Pardon**

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

**Receiving Our Offerings**

**Offertory** ..... *Thy Word*  
Jeffrey Fabisiak, Violin

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

**\*Song of Preparation** ..... *I Cannot Tell*

**Scripture: Mark 7:1-30**  
**Piano Meditation: Barbara Peterson**  
**Sermon: *God Versus Pride***  
**Dr. Paul de Jong**

**\*Hymn** ..... #424 *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** The Chancel flowers today are given  
to the glory of God by **Pati Sempstrott** in loving memory  
of her parents, *Cecil and Mary Waldron*.