



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

All Good Gifts from Godspell
Heather Vicevic, soloist

Stephen Schwartz

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #721 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

THANKSGIVING LITANY

One: For the splendor of creation and the wonder all around us,

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: For the love of our Creator and the closeness of Her presence,

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: For the saints who brought us up and the children who follow after,

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: For the struggle of righteousness and the promise of something better,

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: For this beloved community and the hope that directs its activity,

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: Let us join in the spirit of gratitude as we pray anew with our Redeemer:

Many: 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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Amazing Day
Joyful Noise, Alleluia Singers, and Youth Choir

Rebecca Thompson

TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

All Good Gifts
Joyful Noise, Alleluia Singers, Youth Choir, and Sanctuary Choir
Yerelin Lopez, Connor Seip, and Christina Liu, soloists

Jeffrey Honoré

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

NT pg. 117(NRSV)

SERMON

Backbones and Wishbones

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

OFFERTORY

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye The Lord!
Sanctuary Choir ♦ Elizabeth Feins, soloist

René Clausen

Our Thanksgiving offering will be given as a donation to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #508**

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

***WORDS OF BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our God

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Today we welcome Robin S. Frank as our guest accompanist. She is the Chorus Master for Opera Naples. We also welcome Rebecca Best as our guest conductor. Rebecca is the instrumental instructor at Seacrest Country Day School.

If you have a concern and would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor after the service for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, in observance of Thanksgiving. As always, a pastor will be available for emergencies at 239-595-2141.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING 2018 for this year will be going to Harry Chapin Food Bank. Founded in 1983, the mission of the Harry Chapin Food Bank is to lead our community in the fight to end hunger. Serving five counties in Southwest Florida: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties, the food bank rescues, inspects, transports, and distributes donated food and other grocery products to more than 150 partner agencies that provide direct services to those in need. The food bank provides food for about 28,000 individuals each week. There are Thanksgiving offering envelopes in the pew racks in front of you. You may place your gifts in these envelopes, or you may make out a check to NUCC, with Thanksgiving offering in the memo portion. Thank you for your generosity to feed those in need in our own community.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES:

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister
Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, Minister for Congregational Care
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music and Organist
Megan Black, Audiovisual
Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choirs, and Youth Choir

GREETERS: 9 a.m.: Diane Myers 11 a.m.: Dave and Marion Williams

USHERS: 9 a.m.: Joe Rickard, Head usher; David Bogin, Carolyn Keller, Susan Melick, Joe Rickard, Mary Robinson, Richard Ryder, Cheryl Turner

11 a.m.: Bob Miller, Head usher; Laurie Chozen, Julie Forchay, Bob Nordland, Bill Rumpf, Richard Ryder, Judy and Joe Siderio



STEPHEN MINISTERS: 9 a.m.: Leigh Hindman 11 a.m.: Louise Brown



SUNDAY ST

VOICES OF NAPLES chorus presents the Sixteenth Annual "Sing-Along Messiah" here in the sanctuary today at 3 p.m. The audience is invited to sing along; if you have a score, bring it, or rent one at the door. Tickets at the door are \$20.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is in the narthex today and for the following 2 Sundays. Stop by and pick up an angel: it will have the name and age of a child as well as a gift suggestion. Gifts should be wrapped with the angel attached, and returned to the church on or before Dec. 9. Donations will also be gratefully accepted (cash, check, or credit card) for grocery gift certificates.

GEN SILENT DOCUMENTARY

November 30, 6:30 p.m., McSpadden Hall. NUCC is partnering with AVOW Hospice to bring you a screening of *Gen Silent*, a documentary about LGBTQ seniors and the issues that they face.

BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be on Monday, November 26, at 2 p.m. in Nelson Hall 104: *The Baker's Secret* by Stephen Kiernan.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Caregivers Support Group will not meet on Nov 23. Next meet on Friday, November 30, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall Room 104.

BEGINNER MAH JONGG CLASS

Mondays and Fridays, November 26, 30, and December 3rd and 7th. Deadline for sign up and payment is November 25. Cost is \$50 per person. Sign up in the Gathering Place. Class limit: 8 people.

NEW CHAPTERS MEN'S STUDY GROUP is a weekly Men's spirituality forum with David Kaiser-Cross every Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., N104. Let us know by signing up in the Gathering Place. We are currently exploring the book *Speaking of Faith*.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Our next Lunch and Learn will be on Thursday, December 13, from 12 to 1 p.m. in McSpadden Hall. The Topic: *How is Global Warming Affecting Life in Paradise?* Join Rob Moher, CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Bring your own lunch.

BOOK ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY CLASSES

Books for December and January classes are available in the Gathering Place today.

BARGAIN BOX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bargain Box is in need of volunteers. Call Sandy at 239-262-3802 for more information.

LIGHTS IN THE GARDEN BOTANICAL GARDEN TOUR

Friday, December 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$18. Maximum: 30 people. Optional happy hour as a group at 5 p.m. at Bistro La Baguette restaurant. Prior registration for happy hour as well as the tour is essential.

PALETTE PALS

Palette pals will resume Wednesday morning workshops from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome. All applicants for the day trip to Miami Beach for Art Basel must bring their application and payment to the Palette Pals mailbox as soon as possible. This month in the NUCC library/gallery, members of the Seibert family are displaying their magnificent art work.

INTO THE EVERGLADES TOUR AND LUNCH

Thursday, December 6, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Led by Susan Melick, susanmelick@gmail.com or 239-293-8446. Cost: \$109. The bus leaves Crossroads Shopping Center at the Vineyards at 9 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Maximum: 30 people.

GOLF FOR FUN

The last "Golf For Fun": Thursday, November 29 at the Moorings Country Club. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch to follow about 12 p.m. Contact Ron Sanson at 239-860-8034 or at ronsansoncam@gmail.com to sign up or if you have questions. Friends and family are welcome.

NUCC THANKSGIVING /CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday, December 8 from 9 to 11, we hope to have a crew of 40 workers to help pack food for distribution at Harry Chapin Food Bank. If you are 16 or older, please join us. Sign-ups begin this Sunday, November 18, in the Gathering Place. You will be given a list of volunteer instructions when you sign up. The address is 3940 Prospect Ave, Naples, 34104.

EEPLELIGHTS

HOLIDAY BAZAAR – A GREAT SUCCESS!

Many thanks to:

- The hundreds of folks who donated beautiful, useful, tasty, crafted, sale items!
- The approximately 150 people who helped to set up, tear down.
- The chairs/co-chairs of the booths and other areas who did what needed to be done and have been working for months to put this together! (Leanne Badham and Precious Cargo, Evelyn Bickford, Judy Baer, Doug Brown, Susie Burtch, Jon Christensen, Lynda Christensen, Jamie Hardesty, Hilde Higuchi, Cheri and Mike Johnson, Carolyn Kois, Sherry Latimer, Gail Lozelle, Sharon Magiera, Susan Melick, Monday Morning Ladies, Nancy Mundth, Ann Olson, Carole Russell, Dick Weinthaler, Marty Weinthaler.
- The people who donated money to aid in the outreach of the Bazaar profits! The generous gift in memory of Dana Downs!
- The office and maintenance staff (especially Dan and Rich, who really make this week happen!) who have been so helpful in many different ways! Sandy Goldstein and the Bargain Box! The Sanctuary Choir!
- All of you who came to shop!

Above all, we are grateful for the fellowship, the fun, and the joy all of us experienced as we worked together to produce a successful activity!

BOCA GRANDE AND THE GASPARILLA INN AND CLUB TOUR

Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Bus leaves Crossroads Shopping Center at Vineyards at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Cost: \$100. Information: Susan Melick at 239-293-8446 or susanmelick@gmail.com.

Dear Members and Friends,

The following is a note I received from Nancy Van Fleet via email last week. She wanted it shared with the entire congregation. I want you to know that this past week Nancy received additional severance pay and the donations that some of you sent to the church for her. I also want the congregation to know that Nancy has accepted a position working with children and youth at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Naples.

Sincerely,
Ann Olson
Moderator

Nancy Van Fleet
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To the Members and Friends of Naples United Church of Christ,

In this season of thanksgiving, I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude for allowing me the privilege to serve our children and youth for the past ten years – I will forever be thankful to you. Mother Teresa once said that “every kind act is a prayer.” You have said many prayers for me and my daughter Julia throughout the years.

I am also so very thankful for all of your support during this period of transition in my life – prayerfully and financially. It has been my strength and it has given me hope.

My prayers and blessings are always with you and the Church.

In great love and gratitude,
Nancy Van Fleet

Those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed (Proverbs 11:25).

Today in the Gathering Place

- Social Activities Sign ups
- Photo Directories Available
- NUCC Service Day Sign ups
- Palette Pal Art Basel Sign ups
- Class Sign ups and Book Sales (Nov. - Jan.)

THIS WEEK AT NUCC (NOVEMBER 18-25)

Sunday Thanksgiving Sunday
11/18 9 a.m.Worship Service (S)
10 a.m. . . .Family Brunch for Children and Youth (N207)
10 a.m. . . .Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
11 a.m. . . .Worship Service (S)
12 p.m. . . .Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
3 p.m.Voices of Naples Messiah Concert (S)

Monday
11/19 9:30 a.m. . .Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
4:30 p.m. . . .Centering Prayer (P)
5 p.m.Youth Choir (BH)

Tuesday
11/20 10:30 a.m. *The Challenge of Paul* Video Series (N207)
7 p.m.Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Wednesday
11/21 9 a.m.Palette Pals Open Studio (N202)
7 p.m.Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday
11/22 **Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)**
As always, there will be a pastor available for emergencies at 239-595-2141.

Friday
11/23 **(Office Closed)**
As always, there will be a pastor available for emergencies at 239-595-2141.

Sunday Reign of Christ Sunday
11/25 9 a.m.Worship Service (S)
10 a.m. . . .Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
11 a.m. . . .Worship Service (S)
12 p.m. . . .Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

S = Sanctuary P = Parlor N = Nelson Hall
MH = McSpadden Hall GP = The Gathering Place
ACR = Administrative Conference Room GC = Gates Chapel

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YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL (Ages 4 to 5th Grade) will meet in Nelson Hall Room 207.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will not meet on Wednesday due to Thanksgiving break.

YOUTH CHOIR meets on Mondays, 5 p.m., in Beverly Hall.

PRAYER LIST

Nicholas Vincent Adamo
Alan and Susan
Joel Basham
Joe Bejcek
Roberta and Ben
Jared Billips
Carolyn Briggs
Al Cahen
Jay Cahill
Steve Chalfant
Carol Chidister
Chris
Christopher and Family
Robert Clement
Ann Culshaw
Cynthia and Family
Ken Davis
Diego
Jamie DePalo
Eric Downs
Gill Doyle
Barbara Dunnigan
Ben Dyals
Beth Endres
Erin and Leslie
Tom and Kate Frantz
Betty Freimann
Gayle
Debbie Graham
Calvin Grayson
Shelly and Katie Hull
Karen Howick
Alley Hoza
Margaret Hustad-Perrin
Jill
Mario Jimenez
Sheila Jung
Tom Jung

Sandra Johnston
Cecil Jones
Jennifer Jolls
George Kessel
Keith
Kathy Kircher
Irv Koehler
Anne Kruse
Walter Lathe
Barbara Lauber
Maryann Lauber
Mary Ellen LeMasters
Paul Leutert
Jon Lindblom
Lynn and Marilyn
Susi Martinsen
Mervyn Maxwell
Helene Melnick
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Dinny Nemachek
Sara Nonken
Jean Partridge
Tracie Pustizzi
Sharon Rainey
Ray
Dave Remley
Tara Reynolds
Rose and Jim
Roger Rhodes
Bob Robida
Carol Rudolph
Carol Saul-Smith
Sean, Jo and Kevin
Rose Schmigle
Bud Schroeder
Deb Scott
Carol Sellman
David and Andrew Silver

Mary Simeone
Harvey Slavnik
Dean Smith
Derek Smith
Damon Surgener
Dawn Teston
Brenda Taylor
Tor and Sunny
Bill Uhlemann
Vera L
Monika Vincent
Helen Weese
Debbie White
Joshua Wills
Nancy Wyckoff
Darlene Zoretich

Our Children

Maggie Bella
Maxwell Bost
Clayton
Ella
Emmanuel
Gracie Faith
Michael Jerrold
Jonathan
Garrett Kaulbars
John Kennedy
Laila Grace
Baby Miles
Olin
Phoebe
Rosie
Finn Sears
Vanessa
Jackson Varty
Violet

In Service to our Nation: Captain Keagan Callanan, Staff Sergeant Corey Cunningham, Captain Robert Cook, TSgt Donovan Fredericksen, MSgt Matthew Fredericksen, Lieutenant Commander Timothy Minor, SPC Austin Payne and Major Matthew Wright.

WELCOME, FIRST-TIME WORSHIPERS

First-time guest information cards are located in the pew racks, and can be brought to the first-time-guest welcome kiosk in the narthex, or placed in the offering plate. We invite you to journey with us as a visitor or unite with us as a Full or Associate Member.

Our sanctuary is equipped with the T-Loop (Telecoil Loop) Hearing System. Additional hearing devices are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Though children of all ages are welcome in our worship services, there is nursery care for infants and toddlers available. There is also a "cry room" near the nursery if you wish to stay with your child and observe the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2: Visitor Information Brunch | After 9 and 11 a.m. worship in Nelson Hall room 104.

Wednesday, December 5: An Evening With Your Pastors at Dr. Taylor's Home.

Sunday, December 9: New Member Sunday

Next Sunday

November 25 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Conscious Contact

Revelation 1:4-16

Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, preaching
Alexandra Carlson, piano

The 2018 and 2019 flower calendar is available on the reception desk. Please enter the date (or call the office) to reserve your Sunday for donating chancel flowers.

Our Services are livestreamed and recorded. DVDs from today's service are available for a suggested donation of \$5. Please fill out the order envelope located in the church office on the reception desk and place it either in the offering plate or leave it on the reception desk. A recording of today's service may be found at www.naplesucc.org.

Cans for Communion - We welcome your donations of nonperishable food items on the first Sunday of each month as we celebrate Communion together. These donations will be delivered to the Grace Place food pantry.

Weekly Steeplelights arrives via email each Friday. If you are not receiving it, please contact Wendy in the church office, or at wendy@naplesucc.org to sign up.

Come visit our Bargain Box Thrift Store at 3906 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34112 to find great items for any occasion or to volunteer! We also accept lightly-used donations. We can also assist in the pickup of larger donated items. If you have questions, please contact the store at (239)262-3802.

4 WAYS TO GIVE

Envelopes are available in worship



Online via our website



Text to Give
Text NAPLESUCC to 73256 and click on the link in the reply text to complete your gift.



Stocks & IRA's

Please call Sharon in the church office.



As a **mission-driven congregation**, Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. We are not only active in community outreach, but passionate about social causes. As an **intergenerational congregation**, we engage with people of all ages and stages of life to be a place where people not only believe, but also belong. As a **growing church**, we do not ask people to "check their brains at the door," rather to ask deep questions of faith of each other and of God.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation that not only welcomes, but celebrates all people. We are proud to be one of more than 5,000+ congregations in the United Church of Christ and of our identity as a "Traditional Church for Progressive People."

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