

Naples United Church of Christ

November 9, 2025 | 9 & 11 AM

An Open and Affirming Congregation
A WISE for Mental Health Congregation
Mission: To love God and all our neighbors as God loves us.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

MISSION MOMENT

PRELUDE "Gade" from Lyric Pieces, Book VI, Op. 57, No. 2

Edvard Grieg

Philip Smith, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #414

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

DUKE STREET

INVOCATION

Loving God, in times of brokenness and in times of wholeness, in times of poverty and prosperity, in times of sorrow and joy, in times of war and peace, you have been present. Atop our mountains and in our valleys, be present with us as we journey forth in faith. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN (9 AM)

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Have Felt the Hand of God

Craig Courtney

Tori Hyman, soloist • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, piano

The anthem was given on August 27, 2023 by Judith Grose in memory of her loving husband, Richard Grose.

HONORING OF VETERANS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jim Moseley, Interim Minister for Congregational Care and Missions

MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Malotte

Angelina Sozio, soloist • Tori Hyman, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Job 19: 23-27

O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

SERMON Hurt Engraved

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

OFFERTORY

Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear Sanctuary Choir • Angelina Sozio, soloist

Tom Trenney

Given by Ann Culshaw in loving memory of her husband, Chip.



*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

*CLOSING HYMN #117

There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Piano Sonata No. 1 (Toccata) Cesar Perez, piano Ned Rorem

STEPHEN

STEPHEN If you would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor for a visit with today's Stephen Minister.

The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

Rev. Jim Moseley, Interim Minister for Congregational Care and Missions

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music

Dr. Alexandra Carlson, pianist

Philip Smith, piano

Cesar Perez, piano Tori Hyman, soloist Angelina Sozio, soloist Sanctuary Choir

Bradley Van Houten, Production Specialist - Producer Thomas Hartland, Production Specialist - Audio Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Judye Baer SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Joe Rickard

9 AM

11 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Heather English GREETERS: Ann Abel, Janet Nacu, Liz Tyrol

USHERS: Bill Rumpf (Head), Carol Berglund, Kathryn Bettis, Jim Borden, Christine Buol, Kathleen Devitt, Jane Lane, Bill Rumpf, and

Barb Wolf

STEPHEN MINISTER: Louise Brown GREETERS: Mike Book and Michele Carney

USHERS: Bill Rumpf (Head), Mary B. Fisher, Ed Kaulbars, Becky Lambert, Jane Lane, Allison McCarthy, Katy Serr, Roger Terry, and

Cheryl Turner

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | Ray Gangl, Custodian

Throughout 2025, the ministry of our pianist Dr. Alexandra Carlson has been graciously underwritten by Ronnie Bellone and Jennifer Rainey.

This week's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Katie and Mark Baeverstad, in loving memory of their son, Paul.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

Children and Youth Ministry



SUNDAYS —We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst! Regular Sunday morning activities for children 4 years and older take place during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Children are encouraged to come forward for the *Time with Children*, then go to **Sunday School** with Ms. Jeanne. Coloring activities and worship resources are available on the family table in the Narthex. Please reach out to the church office if you have any questions or would like more information about upcoming events.

NURSERY CARE — Nursery care for infants through 4 years old is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall, room 203 (the building across the Gathering Place). Please sign in with our nursery staff. Our former space located next to the sanctuary is still available to you as a Wiggle Room. Feel free to utilize that space if you wish to stay with your child.

SPLASH! — SPLASH! meets weekly on Wednesdays. As we welcome arriving families, snacks will be available in Nelson Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. for those interested. Our program time will be between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Join us for faith-filled activities, music, games, and snacks with Ms. Jeanne.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Students 6-12th grade are invited to meet each Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in Nelson Hall room 200 for our Sunday morning gathering. Come enjoy fellowship time with friends as we explore discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus today.

30 Good Minutes with Bruce Flessner

TODAY, 10:15 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join the chair of the Development Committee, Bruce Flessner, and Moderator, Mary Lee Turk, in discussing the importance of endowment giving at Naples UCC. We'll learn how charitable giving fits within your financial plans and how others are including the church in their wills. Join us in McSpadden Hall between services at 10:15 a.m. for this informational conversation.

Being Intentionally Invitational and Welcoming

As many people are now returning to Naples for the season, this is an ideal opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to an NUCC event. Check your copy of NEXT for an event they might enjoy. Perhaps a mission, educational or music related opportunity. Or, invite them to a service where they will discover exceptional music, powerful preaching and meaningful worship.

NUCC Responds to Hurricane Melissa

In recent days, Hurricane Melissa caused much devastation. Naples UCC plans to respond with a gift through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to make a gift toward helping those impacted, kindly mark the "for" line of your check "Pastor's Discretionary Fund."

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Upcoming Events

Informational Meet & Greet

TODAY, 10:00 AM | N-104

A time to learn, ask questions, meet the leadership, and our ministers. The Meet & Greet takes place following the 9:00 a.m. service, in Nelson Hall, room 104. Enjoy free refreshments! **Walk-ins welcome!**

Joining Sunday Opportunity

Let's make it official! Join us November 16

You may join either publicly or privately. Those wishing to retain a membership in a northern church are invited to join as an Associate Member. Public joining will occur during the 9:00 a.m. service. For additional information, find Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place today or email her at samantha@naplesucc.org.

Seasonal in Naples?

Become an Associate Member

At Naples UCC, we offer an Associate Membership for our seasonal visitors who wish to also retain their membership in a Northern church. Our Associate Membership offers all the same rights and privileges as our full membership. We have Joining Sundays each month during season and you may join either publicly or privately. For more information, see Samantha in the Gathering Place or contact her at samantha@naplesucc.org.

Next Sunday

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Rev. Jim Moseley Scripture: Luke 21: 1-4 'Chinkle, Chinkle, Chinkle...Plink Plink'

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John Marcy, cello

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Visit www.NaplesUCC.org to view our full calendar.
TODAY

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Informational Meet & Greet

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30 Good Minutes - w/ Bruce Flessner

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Youth Sunday School

MONDAY



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Christ's Insights on Poverty

TUESDAY



Writing Workshop

10:00 AM • November 11 • N-101



Impact on Healthcare/Forum



Social Soiree

4:00 PM • November 11 • Tacos & Teq.

WEDNESDAY



Walk & Wonder - Pelican Bay Berm

8:30 AM • November 12 • NUCC



Bible Study with Pastor Mark

9:00 AM • November 12 • N-207



Men's New Chapters

10:30 AM • November 12 ♥ N-101 / Zoom



SPLASH! (3:30 - 4:00 PM ARRIVALS)

4:00 PM • November 12 ♥ N-203



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY



Environment Subcommittee

10:00 AM • November 13 • N-104



Religion's Impact on Founding of America

10:30 AM • November 13 • N-207



Women's Stories

1:00 PM • November 13 • N-101

FRIDAY



Caregiver's Support Group

Impact on Healthcare: Medicaid Cuts,

NOVEMBER 11, 3:30 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

On November 11 at 3:30 p.m. in McSpadden Hall, Paul Hiltz, CEO of NCH Health Systems, and Jamie Ulmer, CEO of Healthcare Network, will speak about the challenges of providing exemplary healthcare services in our area with the possibility of the ACA (Affordable Care Act) subsidy benefits ending on December 31st. Approximately 4.7 million Floridians have an ACA insurance plan, representing the largest number of enrollees in the nation with 98% qualifying for some level of financial assistance. The loss of health insurance for many affected will have far reaching effects on the Naples Healthcare systems. This free Justice program will be open to the community and you are asked to register to ensure a seat. Call the church office or use the QR code to register.





Coffee & Conversation with Scott Harshbarger

NOVEMBER 21, 10 AM | N-103

Naples UCC's Justice Committee will be having coffee & conversation with Scott Harshbarger. Scott returns to NUCC to lead the conversation "How the Rule of Law Protects the Vulnerable". Scott has had a long and successful public service career as a civil rights attorney, public defender, district attorney and attorney general. His consumer and public protections initiatives include, among others, initiatives against urban and family violence, public corruption, white collar crime and insurance and health care fraud. Scott currently serves as Senior counsel in the litigation and nonprofit departments of Casner & Edwards in Boston. For further details about Scott's distinguished career go to www.casneredwards. com/attorneys/scott-harshbarger. Coffee will be served!



Bargain Box Donation Drop-Off Sunday

NOVEMBER 16, 9:00 AM | BARGAIN BOX SHED

Join us for our monthly donation drive on Sunday, November 16 at 9 a.m. NUCC will collect donations before and after Sunday services. For November 16, we are collecting **men's boutique clothing**. Please bring your donations to the drop-off table in the Portico. As our season ramps up, we're grateful for your generous donations and we could use your help!

We're looking for volunteers on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to:

- Load and deliver donations to The Bargain Box
- · Help with lifting and transport

If you have a few hours and a willing heart, we'd love to have you!

Interfaith Celebration of Gratitude and Compassion with ROCK FGCU

NOVEMBER 19, 4:30 PM | BEVERLY HALL

Join us for a meaningful gathering to explore the connection between gratitude and compassion in the spirit of Thanksgiving. The Roots of Compassion & Kindness (ROCK) Center from FGCU will guide us in reflection and conversation sharing how these values show up in our lives and across different faith traditions. All are welcome to participate in this space for mutual community, learning, and reflection. You are invited to attend the Thanksgiving meal that will be served immediately after this program.





NUCC Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 19, 5:30 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join us for NUCC's Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 19 at 5:30 pm following the Interfaith celebration event. There will be music, fellowship and gratitude for all we have been given! **Registration is required by 11/16/25** to manage the food reservation. Ticket cost will be \$20.00 per person. Children 12 and under are free. Donations will be accepted. We look forward to the fellowship & fun to come!

For questions, call the church office at (239) 261-5469.





PRAYER LIST

Jo Armstrong
Lilibet Bana
Ronnie Bellone
Thom Carley
Colleen Clark
Patricia Cloutier
Thomas Coates
Allison Doriss
Jack Downs
Sally Giglio
Jim Gilmore
Janet Goodhart

Doty Gridley Fred Gridley Walter Grieb
John Henry
Kate Hutchinson
David Johnson
Irma Johnson
William Jones
Marla Koshgarian
Merline Kovacik
Stew Lambert
Bill Livingood
Tony Loring
Bob McLennan
Gordon Mounts
Betty Mounts

Gerry Nonken
Ryan Pehrson
Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Judy Siderio
Kyra Spurgeon
Jack Studley
Joanie Toren
Mickey Winograd
Ken Yamashita

Atila Zolcsak

Jack Neller

To add or remove a name, please email samantha@naplesucc.org.

Names stay on the list for four weeks. To keep your loved one's name on the list longer, please reach out with an email.

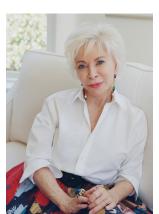
Women's Stories

NOVEMBER 13 & 20 1 PM | N-101

Women's Stories, formerly Women Engage, will continue to host lively discussions with a new focus on the stories and experiences of inspiring women to enlighten, encourage, and evoke conversation.

This 3-week session will be guided by one woman's story - Isabel Allende - told through her book, The Soul of A Woman (2021), and an interview with the Los Angeles Times, "Isabel Allende isn't passing the feminist torch - she's sharing it" by Rigoberto Gonzalez (Feb 24, 2021) and a TED talk, "How to Live Passionately - No Matter your Age (Sept 3, 2014)."

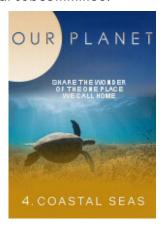
The readings and Ted Talk provide one woman's shared experience presented in three different formats. Choose the format that works best for you or just join us! This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in our church community and engage through shared experiences.



Our Planet - Coastal Seas: Documentary Screening

NOVEMBER 18, 4 PM | N-207

Sir David Attenborough, a conservationist and biologist, narrates this fascinating documentary to experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary of spectacular scope. From frightening sharks to long spinal sea urchins, ninety percent of marine creatures live in coastal waters. Environmentalists are sounding the alarm that these habitats are a battle that we must win! Presented by the Environmental subcommittee.



30 Good Minutes - What's New with Affordable Housing?

NOVEMBER 23, 10:15 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County Rev. Lisa Lefkow who will be interviewed by Rev. Dr. Mark Williams as part of a special edition of our "30 Good Minutes" series. The quest for more affordable housing in Collier County continues to evolve, and Rev. Lefkow plans to update us all on current issues, trends, and plans in our community. This event is sponsored by our Justice Committee.



Writing Workshop: Wrapping the World with Words

NOVEMBER 11, 10:00 AM | N-101

Ordained Minister, Susan Baller-Shepard, MDiv, MSW, will share her gifts guiding us in a spiritual writing workshop on Tuesdays through November 18. We will learn, in a supportive environment, to engage in writing prompts, work on writing characters, and watch how sentences surprise us. Each week of the 4-week series has a focus, as the classes are meant to build on each other, but you can attend one or all four. Beginners encouraged to attend!

Grief Group 2026

Join members and friends for an eight week Grief Group starting Thursday, January 15 at 1pm. This group, facilitated by Pastor Jim Moseley and Stephen Ministers, offers confidential, mutual support to anyone grieving a loved one. The loss can be recent or more distant. Participants are encouraged to commit to the full eight weeks and register in advance.

This will occur weekly on Thursdays, January 15 - March 5, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

Please contact Leigh Hindman to register at (239) 290-9936 or Ldavis 1239@yahoo.com



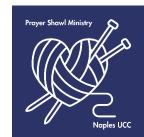
Prayer Shawl Ministry

NOVEMBER 18, 1 PM | PARLOR

Please join us as we faithfully knit and crochet beautiful prayer shawls and lap blankets for those who need a warm hug from God. Lessons & supplies are available

or bring your own project to work on. Everyone is welcome to participate in this caring ministry.

Contact Janet Goodhart at (610) 420-7196 for questions.



Caregiver's Support Group

NOVEMBER 14, 2 PM | N-101

The Caregiver's Support Group meets every other Friday year-round to support those caring for loved ones. For more info, contact Joan Millon at joanmillon6@gmail.com.



Men's New Chapters

NOVEMBER 12, 10:30 AM | N-101

Men's New Chapters will meet regularly on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. The discussion is led by retired Minister and NUCC member Rich Kirschner. The upcoming book study is "Miracles and Wonder" by Elaine Pagels.

All men are welcome!

For details or the Zoom link (if you're unable to attend in

Walk & Wonder

NOVEMBER 12, 8:30 AM | NUCC PARKING LOT

Join members and friends for fellowship, prayer, and walking in nature. The Walk and Wonder group eagerly welcomes family members, friends, and especially newcomers to the NUCC community. **On Wednesday, November 12 enjoy a walk at the Pelican Bay Berm**. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 am. Anticipate our return to the church by 10:00.

Contact Merrill Noble at mwnoble 56@gmail.com if you have questions or plan to attend for the first time.



Holiday Mission Gift Market

NOVEMBER 16, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

The Board of Mission and Outreach's "fund-a-need" Holiday Mission Gift Market supports the work of NUCC's mission partners. Meet our partners, learn about their important work, shop their "fund-a-need" options and receive beautiful gift cards for your loved ones. Connect with representatives from Grace Place, Habitat for Humanity, Harry Chapin Food Bank, The Housing Alliance, Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, People for Guatemala, STARability, Warrior Homes and Youth Haven. Complete your holiday gift list by "Giving the Gift of Mission" or you may choose to make a donation. Come, celebrate the holidays with friends, enjoy yummy food and learn more about NUCC's important mission work.



Angel Tree

Our wonderful Angel Tree will be in the **Narthex again on November 16** and the following two Sundays. The gifts will go to the babies and families who participate in the Baby Basics program here at NUCC plus the teen parenting program at Immokalee and Collier County schools:

Stop by and pick up an Angel: it will have the gender and age of a child as well as a gift suggestion.

Gifts should be wrapped with the Angel attached to the outside and **returned to the church on or before November 30**. Donations will also be gratefully accepted (cash, credit card, or check) for a grocery gift certificate to accompany the gift.

Thank you in advance for your support.

The Angel Tree Committee



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Youth Haven

NOVEMBER 24, 7 PM | YOUTH HAVEN

Join NUCC volunteers in creating a memorable evening while interacting with Youth Haven kids. On Monday from 7 to 8 p.m.; please arrive at 6:30 p.m. Run children's games with Youth Haven kids. Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday or contact Michele Carney, at mcarney@ shcmg.com. Join us on Monday, November 24! (Youth Haven, 5867 Whitaker Rd, Naples, FL)



Social Soiree

Join NUCC friends and family at this month's Social Soiree at TACOS & TEQUILA CANTINA located at 8971 Tamiami Trail N, Naples, FL on Tuesday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. This gathering is a great place to have fun & fellowship after a busy day! Please sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday by November 9 or call the church office at (239) 261-5469 with any questions. Hope to see you there!



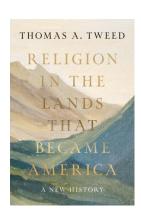
Calling All Baby Boomers!

Calling all Baby Boomers (born ~1946–64) and Boomer Wannabes! Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, live music, and trivia before the holidays. Come enjoy Happy Hour on Sunday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m., hosted by Deb and Bob Marini at Village Walk, 3484 Donoso Ct, Naples 34109. (At the gate, simply say you're with the Marini church group.) You're invited to bring an appetizer or sweet to share and your own beverage. Please RSVP to 617-721-7920.

Religion's Impact on the Founding of America

NOVEMBER 13 & 20, 10:30 AM | N-207

This year marks the 250th anniversary of America's struggle for independence, providing the foundation for a group discussion and exploring the pre- and post-war influence of religion in the establishment of the United States. Two Key resources will ground this 3-part series discussion; Thomas Tweed's book "Religion in the Lands that Became America" and Ken Burn's 6-part series, "THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION", documentary (premiering 11/16-11/21 on PBS). Join Allison McCarthy and Rich Kirschner as they facilitate an intriguing discussion on our country's founding history.





Pastor Mark's Bible Study

NOVEMBER 12, 9 AM | N-207

Join Pastor Mark for an 8-week Bible study on the Book of James. James offers us a glimpse of what authentic, embodied, real faith for everyday people might look like. Come to discuss & debate. This Bible study will not be dogmatic, but always open to a wide spectrum of opinions and interpretation. Bring your favorite Bible and an open mind. This week we will discuss "Getting Perspective", James 4: 11-17 and James 5: 1-6.

Pastor Jim's 7-Week Study

NOVEMBER 10, 1 PM | N-207

Join Pastor Jim and our Board of Mission and Outreach members for a 7-week study titled, "Christ's Insights on Poverty". The study will be shaped around Liz Theoharis's insights from Always with Us? What Jesus Really Said About the Poor. Each week we will delve into a different perspective of poverty. See the NUCC calendar to view them beforehand.



Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. Our Core Values are: Open and Affirming, Mission-Driven, Powerful Worship, Continuing Generosity, Caring Ministry, Hospitable Fellowship.

We are an **Open and Affirming Congregation**, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, including persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status, and faith background. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are proud to be one of more than 4,500+ congregations in the United Church of Christ community.

We are glad you are here! You can dress comfortably and in a manner that makes you feel at ease. Whether it's casual attire or dressed-up, we're happy to welcome you just as you are. Please know that we livestream our Sunday morning worship services and subsequently post video recordings on our website and on the internet, including social media, for later viewing. By attending a service, you acknowledge and consent to appearing in these broadcastings, recordings and postings.





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