

Naples United Church of Christ

November 16, 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

PRELUDE "Après un rêve"

Fauré

John Marcy, cello • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Moseley

*OPENING HYMN #17

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him

AUSTRIAN HYMN

INVOCATION

God of creation and compassion, You hear our cries. You know our fear and despair. In your great love, You assure us that You walk with us in Christ Jesus. We long to see your new heaven and new earth break through, making your justice known and life fruitful for all your children. We trust that You are at work in your church and in creation so all that is broken will be made whole. Through our prayers and our praise, strengthen our trust in your promised future, O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN (9 AM)

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9 AM)

Roger Terry, Co-Chair of the Board of Deacons

Congregational Response: We, the members of Naples United Church of Christ, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our support, our help and our prayers, that you may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. We promise, with God's help, to walk with you in Christian love, to aid you as we can, and to bind ourselves together in the common task of building here upon this earth the realm of God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (11 AM) Sonata in a minor (Movement IV - Allegro)

Vivaldi

John Marcy, cello • Dr. Alexandra Carlson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Sacrifice of Praise
Sanctuary Choir • John Marcy, cello

Taylor Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



SCRIPTURE Luke 21:1-4

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.

SERMON Chinkle, Chinkle, Chinkle...Plink Plink Rev. Jim Moseley

OFFERTORY A Living Sacrifice Ed Ruch and Stan Pethel

Sanctuary Choir

*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 #624 When the Poor Ones EL CAMINO

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE Sonata in a minor (Movement II - Allegro)

John Marcy, cello • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, piano

Vivaldi



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.

Holiday Mission Gift Market

TODAY, 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.



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

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

9 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Karyn Murphy GREETERS: Jane Barry and Roger Nolan

USHERS: Roger Terry (Head), Carol Berglund, Jim Borden, Hugh Clark, Kathleen Devitt, Merrrilee Hornbuckle, Tom Hornbuckle, and

Bill Rumpf

John Marcy, cello Sanctuary Choir Bradley Van Houten, Production Specialist - Producer Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video Thomas Hartland, Production Specialist

11 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Craig Johnson GREETERS: Deb Marini and Bob Marini

USHERS: Jennifer Rainey (Head), Bob Brown, Allison

McCarthy, Sally Pendleton, Terry Pendleton, Bill Rumpf, Joe Siderio,

Judy Siderio, and Mary B. Fisher

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 Sydney, Michael, Jennifer, & Annie in loving memory of Bob Kern.

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.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS **Upcoming Events**

Informational Meet & Greet

December 7, 12:00 PM | N-104

A time to learn, ask questions, and meet our ministers. The Meet & Greet takes place following the 11:00 AM service in Nelson Hall, room 104. Sign up with Samantha in the Gathering Place.

Joining Sunday Opportunity

Let's make it official! Join us December 14

You may join either publicly or privately. Those wishing to retain a membership in a northern church are invited to join as Associate Members. Public joining will occur during the 11:00 a.m. service. For additional information, see Samantha in the Gathering Place or contact 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. You may join either publicly or privately. For more information, see Samantha in the Gathering Place or email her at samantha@naplesucc.org.

Next Sunday

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams Scripture: Psalm 100 'A Posture of Gratitude'

NUCC Responds to Hurricane Melissa

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

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Holiday Mission Gift Market

🚞 8:30 AM • November 16 👂 McSpadden

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bargain Box Drop Off Sunday

9:00 AM • November 16



Youth Sunday School

10:15 AM • November 16 ♀ N-200



Baby Boomers Event

4:00 PM • November 16 Deb & Bob Marina's

MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM • November 17 • N-104



Christ's Insights on Poverty

1:00 PM • November 17 ♀ N-207

TUESDAY



Writing Workshop

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 PM • November 18 ♀ Parlor



Our Planet: Documentary Screening

WEDNESDAY



Bible Study with Pastor Mark

9:00 AM • November 19 • N-207



Men's New Chapters

10:30 AM • November 19 • N-101



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



Interfaith Celebration w/Rock FGCU

🚞 4:30 PM • November 19 👂 Beverly Hall



NUCC Thanksgiving Dinner

≡ 5:30 PM • November 19 • McSpadden



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

₹ 7:00 PM • November 19 • Sanctuary

THURSDAY



Religion's Impact on Founding of America

10:30 AM • November 20 ♥ N-207



Women's Stories

1:00 PM • November 20 • N-101

FRIDAY



Coffee & Conversation w/Scott Harshbarger

10:00 AM • November

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. Consider attending the Church Thanksgiving dinner that will be served in McSpadden Hall following the 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 TODAY to manage the food reservation.** Cost is \$20.00 per person and checks can be made out to Naples UCC, memo - Thanksgiving Dinner. Or you can pay with cash at the door. 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.





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.

Calling All Baby Boomers!

Calling all Baby Boomers (born ~1946–64) and Boomer Wannabes! Everyone is welcome to join us **TODAY** for an evening of fun, fellowship, live music, and trivia before the holidays. Come enjoy Happy Hour today 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.

Angel Tree

Our wonderful Angel Tree will be in the **Narthex today** as well as 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. Checks can be made out to "Naples UCC" with "Angel Tree" in the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Volunteer Opportunity: Grace Place Food

DECEMBER 5, 12:30 PM | GRACE PLACE

Join NUCC members for a fun afternoon and help serve families in need. Come Friday, December 5 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Help with setup, food distribution and clean up. Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday or contact Sara Morgan, at saramorgan644@gmail.com. (Grace Place, 4300 21st Ave SW, Naples, FL)



PRAYER LIST

Jo ArmstrongFred GridleyBetty MountsLilibet BanaWalter GriebJack NellerRonnie BelloneJohn HenryGerry NonkenThom CarleyKate HutchinsonRyan Pehrson

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Doty Gridley Gordon Mounts

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.

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. (Youth Haven, 5867 Whitaker Rd, Naples, FL)



Our Planet - Coastal Seas: Documentary Screening

NOVEMBER 18, 4 PM | N-207

Sir David Attenborough, a conservationist and biologist, narrates this fascinating documentary experiencing our planet's natural beauty and examining how climate change impacts all living creatures. 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 Environment 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.



NUCC Christmas Supper

DECEMBER 7, 5:30 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

HO, HO! Join us for NUCC's Christmas Supper following Drs. Becky & Sasha's Christmas concert on December 7 at 5:30 pm. There will be a charge of \$10 at the door for adults to defray the meal cost, but kids 12 & under are free. Pre-Registration is required by 11/30/25 for an accurate meal count. Donations will be accepted for the Advent Mission Group. Come with a festive spirit to enjoy the holiday together! For questions, please call the church office at (239) 261-5469.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 24, 7 PM | CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida will be hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. Please see their website for more details: https://swflinterfaith.org



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.



Town Hall: Minister Search

NOVEMBER 30, 10:15 AM | N-207

Join us for a brief town hall at 10:15am in Nelson Hall, Room 207 where the search committee will share updates on the minister search process. They will provide a summary of progress and goals as they work to interview candidates for our new Associate Minister of Congregational Care.

Walk & Wonder

NOVEMBER 26, 8:30 AM | BAKER PARK

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 26 enjoy the variety of walkways and picturesque views of the Gordon River at Baker Park. The Park is located on Riverside Circle off Goodlette-Frank Road just north of downtown Naples. Park in the upper parking lot. Meet the group at the top of the stairs between the two playgrounds at 8:30 am. Anticipate our return to the parking lot by 10:00. Contact Merrill Noble at mwnoble56@gmail.com if you have questions, plan to attend for the first time or would like to carpool from the church.



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. He is also co-founder and chair of the board of Lawyers Defending American Democracy (LDA.org). 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!



Women's Stories

NOVEMBER 20, 1 PM | N-101

Join us for the third and last session in this series of Women's Stories, formerly Women engage. Women's Stories promotes lively discussions with a focus on the stories and experiences of inspiring women to enlighten, encourage, and evoke conversation. This 3-week series is 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.



Meeting ID: 818 8934 7686

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Women's Stories will pick up again in January with another three-week series. Check the bulletin and e-blasts for more information!



Writing Workshop: Wrapping the World with Words

NOVEMBER 18, 10 AM | N-101

Join Ordained Minister Susan Baller-Shepard as she shares her gift, guiding us in the final spiritual writing workshop. We will learn, in a supportive environment, engage in writing prompts, work on writing characters, and watch how sentences surprise us. This will be the last class of the four-week series. Beginners encouraged to attend!

NUCC Book Club

NOVEMBER 24, 2 PM | N-104

This month's book will be, "Finding Margaret Fuller" by Allison Pataki. The discussion will be led by Kate Butler and Candy Nordland. Anyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book!

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: book



Men's New Chapters

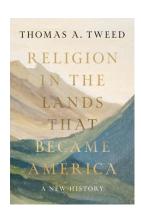
NOVEMBER 19, 10:30 AM | N-101

Men's New Chapters meets regularly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. throughout the program season. The group is reviewing a book titled, "Miracles and Wonder, the Historical Mystery of Jesus" by Elaine Pagels. All men are welcome! Contact Rich Kirschner for details, or the zoom link, if you are unable to attend in person at rdkirschner@gmail.com.

Religion's Impact on the Founding of America

NOVEMBER 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 last 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 on Thursday, November 20, as they facilitate the final intriguing discussion on our country's founding history.





Pastor Mark's Bible Study

NOVEMBER 19, 9 AM | N-207

Join Pastor Mark for the last 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 "That Which Awaits," James 5: 12-20.

Pastor Jim's 7-Week Study

NOVEMBER 17, 1 PM | N-207

Please come to the final session of Pastor Jim's study of Christ's Insights on Poverty. The prompt this week is "Now what?" NUCC hopes you have enjoyed this study and walked away with a greater understanding of poverty and what Jesus really said about the poor and formed an idea how you feel.



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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