

MARCH 2026 CONTINUED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 19 **Esther Circle** – Will start at 1:00pm in the Board Room. Contact Susan Liebetrau at 239-261-9396 for details.
- 19 **Crafter's Corner** – We will meet in the Youth Room (2nd Floor of Moss Hall) at 2:00pm. This is for ALL Crafters — for crochet, knitting, scrapbookers, painters, sewing buffs, etc. You are invited to fellowship with other crafters and possibly even learn a new hobby! For more information contact Mary Payne at marypayne7561@comcast.net or (239) 398-5337.
- 19 **Lydia Circle** – Meets in the Board Room at 6:00pm. Contact Gail Adams at momnature@juno.com or 239-571-1010.
- 19 **Seraphic Fire Concert** – A Pre-Concert Conversation will be presented at 6:00pm and the concert begins at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. For tickets go to seraphicfire.org or call 305-285-9060.
- 22 **Sunday Morning CHAT Bible Study** – CHAT stands for "Connecting Hearts Around Truth" and will be led by John Hummel. This week's topic is "What Does It Mean to Make Disciples." Join us in the Parlor from 9:15am to 9:45am. ALL are invited and welcome to attend!
- 22 **Moorings Presbyterian Church 60th Anniversary** – Special Worship Service and complimentary lunch. Worship is at 10:00am and will include music, honored guests and the sermon will be "Celebrating our 60th: Looking Back, Looking Forward, Looking Up." Chef Evie has a delicious menu planned for the lunch afterwards in Moss Hall. Plus, we will have a video looking at our history along with a presentation about our future with Pastor Steve Aguzzi and Chris Dekker. Please RSVP at the Activities Table.
- 22 **Children's Choir** – Rehearsal will be held at 11:15am in the Choir Room. ALL children are invited to join in. For more information, please contact Chris Dekker or Gabriel Cintron.
- 22 **Hyacinth Concert** – Featuring Naples Philharmonic violinist Daniela Shtereva. Will be held in the Sanctuary starting at 4:00pm. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be accepted.
- 22 **Middle/High School Youth Group** – Middle School: 5-5:30pm Meet in Youth Room; 5:30-6pm Lesson; 6-6:30 Dinner; 6:30-7pm Gym Time; 7pm Home. High School 5:30-6pm Gym; 6-6:30pm Dinner; 6:30-7pm Lesson; 7pm Hang Out. For more info contact Gabriel Cintron at gcintron@mooringschurch.org.
- 23 **Mission Volunteer Day** – We will go to Guadalupe Social Services Soup Kitchen in Immokalee. Meet in the MPC Parking Lot at 8:30am. Please call Tim Miller at 734-502-0034 for more information.
- 23 **Moorings Art Guild** – Attention all Artists – The Moorings Art Guild extends an invitation to fellow artists to participate in Open Studio Painting from 9:30 a.m. until noon in Moss Hall North. Please rsvp to: Margery Mitchell at margerym9@aol.com.
- 24 **Men's Bible Study** – Held in Classroom A&B, starts at 7:30am. This week's topic will be "Financial contentment, and God's provision." Contact Steven Dear at stevenellisdear@gmail.com.
- 24 **Naomi Circle** – Meets in the Board Room starting at 10:00am. Contact Susan Burke at 240-393-5501 or susanburke992@gmail.com or Sybil McGennis at 239-261-7243 or sosybil@aol.com for more information.
- 24 **Sacred Sounds At Noon** – Join us for a new Free Music Series! Every Tuesday at 12 Noon in our Sanctuary. Featuring Boris Sandler on violin, Joseph Duffy on clarinet, and Bella Gutshtein on piano. This series runs until April 14, 2026. Featuring well-known pianists, organists, and instrumentalist from our area.
- 25 **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** – Starts at 10:00am in the Board Room. Join us for a video study. The video study is JESUS IN ME, Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion, by Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of Billy Graham. All ladies are welcome. To sign up or for more information, contact Katie Giblin at katiegiblin@aol.com.
- 25 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** – Starts at 7:00pm and is held in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Chris Dekker at cdekker@mooringschurch.org. New members welcome!

GENERAL INFO

Visitors Want to learn more about Moorings? Go to mooringschurch.org  
**Watch a Live Broadcast** of the 10:00 a.m. worship service on your computer. Go to mooringschurch.org and click on Watch. Recordings are available on the same page shortly after the service ends.  
**Baby-Changing Stations** are located in the men's and women's restrooms in Moss Hall.  
**Hearing Assistance Devices are available for worship** There are headphones with an FM receiver for those with or without hearing aids. "Loops" are available for those who have the "T Switch" in their hearing aids.

BAPTISM

God loves us and wants us to know him and follow Jesus in ever deeper ways! Baptism is both a sign of the covenant that God makes with his beloved children and also a mark of our response to God, by faith. Are you an adult member of MPC and have someone in your family that would like to receive the sacrament of baptism? Do you have a child under the confirmation age and would like to request that they be baptized? Contact the church office to find out more about next steps. If you are not yet a member of MPC — we ask that you first attend the Member Information Class and then the Baptism Information Class. To sign up please call Renée Beckner at 239-213-5225 or email executiveassistant@mooringschurch.org.

WEEKLY EMAIL

Did you know we send a weekly email newsletter called "Moorings Matters" each Friday? It is full of news, event details and has all the latest info on what's happening at MPC. If you aren't already receiving it and would like to — please email Renee Beckner at executiveassistant@mooringschurch.org and she will sign you up!

GIVING

There are multiple ways to give at Moorings Presbyterian Church. If you feel led to give by God, are inspired by our worship services, or see Christ at work in our various ministries, please consider making a financial offering using this QR code. It's simple: open the camera function on your phone and simply put the QR code into focus (don't press anything yet). When you see a yellow rectangle with the web-link, press that yellow box and follow the instructions. God bless you for being a cheerful giver!



**GIVING OF EASTER FLOWERS**

Remembering loved ones with an Easter Flower has become a tradition in our church. If you would like to purchase a flower in honor of your loved one, please fill out a form in Narthex by March 27th. The price is \$15.00.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.



**MOORINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.  
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Rev. Dr. Steve Aguzzi, Pastor  
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March 15, 2026 † 10:00 A.M.



MOORINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE *Prière* Joseph Jongen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Steve Aguzzi

INTROIT *Give Me Jesus*  
 In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.  
 Refrain: Give me Jesus; You may have all this world, give me Jesus.  
 Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. (refrain)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Sylvia Fryling  
 One: The older Prophet cast his cloak upon the younger, and the younger rose and followed him.  
**All: We are called to leave behind what hinders us and follow the Lord.**  
 One: Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves."  
**All: We take up our cross and follow him.**  
 One: Whoever loses their life for Christ's sake will find it.  
**All: Let us worship the One who calls us into true life.**

\*HYMN 298 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH  
 Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5

\*CONFESSION OF SIN  
**Gracious Lord, we confess that we hesitate to follow you fully. We hold tightly to comfort, reputation, and control. Deny in us what denies you. Forgive us for our denials of you, and teach us how to follow you with humility, strength, and courage. Untie us from the ways of this world and tie us more closely to you. Give us courage to take up our cross and trust that in losing our lives for you, we will find them. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND EXPRESSION OF PEACE  
*(Please turn toward your neighbor and with hands from heart express peace).*

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE (for all to sing)  
**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
 precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
 Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
 And leaving your Spirit 'till the work on earth is done.**

WORD FOR CHILDREN Gabriel Cintron

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Steve Aguzzi  
**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.**

OFFERTORY *Set Me As a Seal* René Clausen  
 Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,  
 for love is strong as death.  
 Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

**\*DOXOLOGY 606**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Dr. Steve Aguzzi

**\*HYMN 726**

***Will You Come and Follow Me***

KELVINGROVE

**SCRIPTURE** (Page 285, 820)

1 Kings 19:19–21  
Mark 8:34–35

**SERMON**

***Living out Lent: Following Christ***

**ANTHEM**

***When I Survey***

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

***Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said***

TRURO

**Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart  
and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.**

**\*BENEDICTION and THE AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

***The God of Abraham Praise***

arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*Please stand as you are able.

TODAY'S MUSIC

René Clausen's *Set Me as a Seal* sets words from the Song of Songs: "Set me as a seal upon your heart... for love is strong as death." Clausen's music unfolds in warm, luminous harmonies and long, flowing lines that allow the choir to savor the tenderness of the text. The ancient image of a seal placed upon the heart suggests a lasting bond—love that is steadfast and enduring. Heard in the quiet reflection of Lent, these words gently turn our attention to the depth of God's faithful love, a love that no trial can extinguish and that ultimately leads us toward the promise of Easter.

PARTICIPANTS

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Minister of Word and Sacrament:** Rev. Dr. Steve Aguzzi

**Musicians:** Dr. Chris Dekker, Chancel Choir

**Liturgist:** Sylvia Fryling

**Acolytes:** Norah Murch and Stella Murch

YOUTH

**Nursery:** opens at 9:45am in the Nursery.

**Sunday School:** Children (Pre-K through 5th grade) may proceed to Sunday School following the Word for Children. After worship Pre-K may be picked up in the nursery and K-5th may be picked up in the Gym.

**Middle & High School Youth** will go to Youth Room.

FLOWERS

**Flowers In The Sanctuary** The flowers today are given by JB and Marsha Shelton to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary.

To donate flowers in the Sanctuary, please contact Renee Beckner at executiveassistant@mooringschurch.org.

HEAL & PRAY

Prayer concerns are added to the bulletin upon request to Renee Beckner at executiveassistant@mooringschurch.org. Include any prayer request on the back of the Welcome/Contact Cards in the pews. Or you can submit a request online at mooringchurch.org/prayer. Hospital Admissions-If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please let us know by calling (239) 261-1487 so we can notify our care ministers.

MISSIONS

**Guadalupe Social Services** The Missions Outreach Committee is requesting donations of food and clothing for Guadalupe Social Services. Please place your items in the bins outside of Moss Hall. Items needed: Canned goods (tuna, chicken, veggies, beans, gravy) dry goods (beans, rice, cereal, pasta, Mac & cheese), pasta sauce, salad dressing, peanut butter and jelly, and diapers.

CONTACT CARDS

We ask that everyone, members, visitors, regular attendees . . . everyone gathered here today to fill out the Welcome and Contact Cards found in your pew. This helps us register your attendance. There is also a place to include your prayer requests, update your contact information and to let us know how you would like to be more involved in the life of the church. Please fill out the card and place in the Offering Plate every week.

**Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

Please Join Troop 2 on  
Sunday, March 15  
Moss Hall | 11 am





**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Moorings Presbyterian Church**  
Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future!

**March 22, 2026**  
10 AM – Service  
11 AM – Complimentary Luncheon  
(Donations Appreciated)

**RSVP: Register online or at the Activity Table in the Narthex**

**1966** **2026**



**HOLY WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE**

*Palm Sunday* Sunday, March 29  
10:00 A.M. Service

*Maundy Thursday* Thursday, April 2  
6:00 P.M. Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Service

*Easter Sunday* ONE SERVICE  
Sunday, April 5  
10:00 A.M.

**MARCH 2026**

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**19 Ladies Luncheon** – Will be held at the Blu Jelly at 11:45am. Contact Michele Boughton to RSVP at mmb@revnaples.com, call/text her at 239-821-7603 or sign up in the Narthex.

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