

## 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### 10:30am Worship Service

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Hymnus* Alexander von Fielitz

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**INTROIT** *Another Year is Dawning* Samuel Wesley  
Chancel Choir

\***HYMN #291** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving Spirit, who moves freely and gracefully through this world, transforming and mending the broken pieces, we confess that we stumble through life, trying to survive on our own power. We feel paralyzed—numbed by fear, by old habits, by the effort we expend in trying to impress others. We try to earn your grace through our own awkward endeavors, forgetting that all that we are comes from you. In your mercy forgive us. Fill us with your liberating Spirit, that our souls might run, leap, and praise you, so that the entire world would know your grace and truth. (*Silent Confession*)

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\***GLORIA PATRI #813**

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (*Unison*)

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.

**ANTHEM** *Glory In the Lord* Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

**RESPONSE** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* George Whelpton

**OFFERTORY** *Largo* John Stanley

\***DOXOLOGY #815**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of praise and thanks for your presence and your love. We praise you for your church and its witness and ministry to all. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by your Spirit and further the ministries of your church through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Colossians 1:24-2:5

**MESSAGE** *The Mystery of God* Pastor Steve Mock

\***HYMN #461** *In Remembrance*

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

\***HYMN #621** *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***RESPONSE** *Twofold Amen* Greek

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

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*Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service*

### 9:00am New Beginnings Service

**GATHERING SONG** *Awesome God*

\***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Mighty Is Our God*  
*Shout to the Lord*  
*Think About His Love*

#### PRAYER

**OFFERING** *All in All*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *He Put a New Song in My Heart*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE** Colossians 1:24-2:5

**MESSAGE** *The Mystery of God* Steve Mock

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\***CLOSING SONG** *We Are the Body of Christ*

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

#### *Prayer Focus*

- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- Pray for those who serve in the military and their families during the war against terrorism.
- Pray for our church and new denomination as we seek ways to reach the lost and needy in our community and world.
- The family of CCSO Sgt. Michael Wilson who was killed in the line of duty August 5, 2013 and the law enforcement officers who daily put their lives on the line for us.

#### *Those Who Grieve*

- Margie and Jerry Smith on the loss of Margie's brother, Robert Thiem on December 16th.
- Ed and Phyllis Richardson on the loss of Ed's brother, Lyle Richardson on December 21st.
- Family and friends of Elizabeth Dunn who went home to the Lord on December 26th.

#### *Those with Special Needs*

Betty Stroth	Fred & Rachel Pfaender
Helmut Ehrhardt	Paul & Arlene Gebel
Joyce Kiskaddon	Rev. Larry Yerger
Adelaide Hauck	Ella Sifferd
Jerry & Nancy Julius	Rob & Jennifer Taylor & family
Kay Callahan	Doris Henning

#### *Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes*

Sarah Ferry, <i>Rosie's Adult Family Care</i>	Dorothy Blue, <i>Harbor Terrace</i>
Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Esther Wheeler, <i>Life Care Center</i>	

*\*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests. Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.

**FLOWERS** – The flowers given this morning are by Phyllis Botticelli in memory of loved ones.

**ROSE** - The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Bennet Donald Spencer, the fifth great-grandson of Marguerite O'Brien. Bennet was born on December 28th.

**PRAYER SERVICE** – A weekly prayer service is being offered on **Sunday evenings at 6:00pm** in the Conference Room. Come and share in this experience of God's people praying together.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – On **Sunday, January 18th at 3pm**, Pastor Steve Mock will be holding C.L.A.S.S. 101, *Becoming a Covenant Partner*. Anyone interested in becoming a member/covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church is invited to attend this seminar.

**BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG** – Participate in a Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger every **Wednesday at 10am**. Our current study is the Book of Revelation. New attendees are always welcome to join us.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be held **Tuesday, January 6th** in the home of the Cuzners, 2615 Rio Grande, Punta Gorda Isles and starts at 10am. Our new study will be "The Divine Conspiracy" by Dallas Willard and John Ortberg and is about 2 hours, with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome.

**R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace) & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. (Joyful Understanding Ladies Inconspicuously Eating Together Someplace)** - will be meeting at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at 8:00am this **Thursday, January 8th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

**THE SECOND CUP (of coffee)** – You're invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group on Thursday, **January 8th at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. Dave Sifferd leads this study of the Old and New Testaments, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR** – On **Friday, January 16th**, FPCPG will serve a free meal for people who need food assistance from 5 – 7pm. We need volunteers to help serve, greet the people, and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up in the church entrance.

**FELLOWSHIP OUTING** – Come join us on **Sunday, January 25th** at 2pm to see the Charlotte Players perform "Nana's Naughty Knickers" at the Cultural Center Theater in Port Charlotte. Tickets can be purchased in the church office for \$17.

**DIABETES DISCUSSION GROUP**- If you have diabetes or care for someone that has diabetes or know of someone that could benefit from discussing their diabetes, please invite them and come to our discussion group **Monday, January 12th at 10:00am** and share information what is working and not working for you or them. Pat Patterson will lead the discussion.

**SAVE THE DATE** – On **Sunday, February 1st** at 4pm, Reg and Gretchen Dunneman will be giving a concert of gospel music in our sanctuary.

**PLEDGE CARD** – If you haven't returned your pledge card for 2015, we urge you do so as soon as possible. Extras can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE** – The 2015 offering envelope boxes are now available on the table in the foyer. Please pick yours up and if there isn't one with your name on it, please let the office know so we can get you your box. If you haven't used envelopes in the past, but would like to, let the office know and we'll get a box of offering envelopes for you to use.

**HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE IN ORLANDO** – The trip to the Holy Land Experience has been set up for **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**. The cost is \$75, which includes bus and admission; it's \$50 to rent a scooter. A sign-up sheet is

available in the church entrance. DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15.

**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – The migrants are in need of GENTLY USED BLANKETS, SHEETS AND TOWELS. They also need LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS AND REGULAR SHIRTS. Please put donations in the wicker basket in the church entrance. If you would like to volunteer on a Friday afternoon to help with serving the meal at Misión Peniel, talk to Dianne Sizemore. The next trip will be **Friday, January 23rd**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm.

**THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM** requests your comments & suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church entrance.

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT** – We are financially helping to support Rob and Jennifer Taylor and their four children in their 2-year commitment to the mission field in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make your check out to the church and in the memo line enter “Taylor Family.” Thanks- your Mission Team.

**PLEASE BRING IN FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY** - Let us see the blue food bin overflowing each week. **Some suggestions: peanut butter, jelly, cereal and soup.**

**AMI KIDS CROSSROADS** – Crossroads is in need of operating funds. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write “Crossroads.”

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – Pick up a copy of this booklet of daily devotionals on the back table in the Sanctuary.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** - Special Music is available in an mp3 format by emailing Randy at [rpc1220@me.com](mailto:rpc1220@me.com). We also have a private Facebook page where music and occasional videos are uploaded for your enjoyment. To be invited to this page please email Randy at [rpc1220@me.com](mailto:rpc1220@me.com). Live streaming of both services are available on the Church's website homepage by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE: [www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org). Your comments, thoughts and ideas are also welcome.

**FLOWERS** – May be funded for the **cost of \$37**. To make a donation, sign up at the sign-up table in the church lobby. If the flowers are in honor and/or in memory of something or someone, please put that on the sign-up sheet.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

January 4th thru January 11th

**Sunday, January 4**

6:00pm Prayer Service

**Monday, January 5**

3:30 pm Worship Team

**Tuesday, January 6**

10:00am Women’s Bible Study at Cuzner’s

**Wednesday, January 7**

10:00am Bible Study

**Thursday, January 8**

8:00am R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.

9:30am The Second Cup

5:30pm Praise Team

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 4**

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship

10:30am Traditional Worship

6:00pm Prayer Service

## SERMON NOTES

**Colossians 1:24-2:5**

1:24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. 25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

2:1 I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. 2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. 5 For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

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*Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!*



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A Covenant Order  
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### OUR VISION AND PURPOSE

**LOVING**

*... God and others through worship and fellowship*

**GROWING**

*... in our understanding Jesus and God’s purposes for us through Bible study, and developing our ministries to serve God and others*

**GOING**

*... into God’s world with His message of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, and with His ministries of compassion and mercy*

**ALL IN JESUS’ NAME!**

ECO’S VISION

*... to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ*

January 4, 2015

9:00am & 10:30am

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### WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad to welcome each visitor and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God’s call with this congregation. If you are living in this area, either permanently or for the season, we invite you to join hands in ministry with us by becoming a covenant partner of our congregation.

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**ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**PARISH NURSE**  
**LITURGIST**  
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