
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *I Am Thine, O Lord* arr. Albin Whitworth**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Festive Praise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir***HYMN #43** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***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 *Come to the Table* John Carter
Chancel Choir**EPIPHANY STARS – HYMN #288** *We Three Kings***PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *He's All I Need* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Andante* G. P. Telemann***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear Lord, here and now we bring our gifts to You and to the church. We ask You to receive our gifts for ministry and service. But more, Lord, receive our love, and with our love and Your divine love, may we keep on building Your kingdom here as it is in heaven. In our Master's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 29:18**MESSAGE** *Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #460** *Let Us Break Bread Together***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 #231** *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart*BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* R. P. Curtis

*Please stand, if able

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

9:00am New Beginnings Service

OPENING SONG *I Will Exalt****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *All Hail the Power
10,000 Reasons
He's All I Need***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Sweet Presence of Jesus***SPECIAL MUSIC** *He Put a New Song in My Heart*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 29:18**MESSAGE** *Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus* Pastor Steve Mock**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*****CLOSING SONG** *Love the Lord*

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 ECO as we seek ways to reach the lost and needy in our community and world.
 - Pray for Charlotte County, for revival and renewal as part of Prayers Over Charlotte initiated by the Sunday Night Prayer meeting.
 - Pray for Lisa Alfonsi and Eric Stone & family, missionaries that we support.
- Those Who Grieve**
- Pray for Pete and Debbie Rostad on the sudden passing of Pete's sister, Mary, on December 16th.

Those with Special Needs

Jerry Julius	Rev. Larry Yerger
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson
Ella Sifferd	Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore	Nancy Beasom
Cara Gebel	Cara Coletti
Ken Haun	Joe Cherny
Helmut Ehrhardt	Richard Hill
Joan Pfeiffer	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Lorraine Sisson, <i>Saginaw, MI</i>	John Milligan, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	Mae Snyder, <i>Port Charlotte Rehab</i>

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

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504000476

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.**FLOWERS** – The flowers this morning are given by Gail Thornton in loving memory of her brother, Max Herwig.**DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****EPIPHANY STARS** – As the old year turns to a new one, we will be offering stars during the service with a word to guide us throughout the year as we remember the star that guided the Magi to Jesus.**40 DAYS OF LOVE** – On **January 22, 2017**, we will open the New Year with an all church study – **40 Days of Love**, based on 1 Corinthians 13. This is a six week small group study. Please sign up on the sheets in the church foyer to choose a group that meets at a convenient time and place for you. We will conclude the study with a Sunday Celebration on March 5th. We urge everyone to participate!**2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE** – The 2017 offering envelope boxes are now available for you to pick up on the table in the foyer. If you don't see your name; or if you haven't used envelopes in the past, but would like to, let the office know and we'll assign a box of envelopes for you to use.**RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday, January 15th**. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, January 10th** for Game Morning from **10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry leads a Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10am** at the church. All are welcome and we urge you to join in learning about God's Word and how it applies to our lives today.**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 meet at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport **THIS Thursday, January 12th at 8:00am**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**THE SECOND CUP (of coffee)** – You're invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group **THIS Thursday, January 12th at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. Dave Sifferd leads this study of the Book of Acts, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Articles for the February / March combined newsletter are due in the church office by **Monday, January 16th**.**LIONS, TIGERS & BEARS EXCURSION** – Your Fellowship Team has confirmed an excursion to “Lions, Tigers & Bears” in Arcadia on **Saturday, January 21st**. The time is 4-7pm and the cost is \$25, which includes watching the animals at feeding time and a Safari Dinner on the Terrace. **We are limited to 20 participants**, so please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, January 27th**. We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church to volunteer. Place donations of **gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts** in the wicker basket in the church foyer.**LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY** – Are you interested in making a meal when there is a short-term need in the congregation due to an illness or loss? Or deliver a meal that someone else has fixed? If so, please call the church office to volunteer.**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MINISTRY** – Our RED “Welcome Bags” are in the church foyer waiting for you to deliver to a new neighbor in your neighborhood.**CROSSROADS MINISTRY** – AMI KIDS 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.”**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.**

FURRY FRIENDS – Our furry friends need your help! In the church foyer there is a green tub where you can put dog and cat food, animal toys and gently used blankets and towels. For questions, ask Randy or Diane Curtis.

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Steve’s prayer email list, please email Pastor Steve at steve@fpcpunta.org.

OUR DAILY BREAD – This booklet of daily devotionals is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Special Music is available in an mp3 format by emailing Randy at rpc1220@me.com. We also have a private Facebook page where music and occasional videos are uploaded for your enjoyment. To gain access to this page, please email Randy. Live streaming of services is available on our website homepage (www.fpcpunta.org) by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments and suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is in the church foyer.

TREASURES TABLE – Visit the Presbyterian Women’s Priceless Treasures table in Fellowship Hall. You may place your “treasures” there (no clothing, please); or if you find a “treasure” that you like, put a donation in the container. Proceeds are for outreach projects.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the **cost of \$37.50**. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer. You may list the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK
January 8th thru January 15th

Sunday, January 8
11:45am
6:00pm

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
40 Days of Love leaders meeting
Prayer Meeting

Monday, January 9
10:00am
3:30pm

Fellowship Team
Worship Team

Tuesday, January 10
10:00am
1:30pm

Game Morning
Missions Team

Wednesday, January 11
10:00am

Bible Study

Thursday, January 12
8:00am
9:30am
5:30pm
7:00pm

R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
The Second Cup
Praise Team
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 15
9:00am
10:30am
6:00pm

New Beginnings Worship
Traditional Worship
Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Proverbs 29:18 (NASB)

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

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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 8, 2017

10:30am

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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