
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Thomas S. Dupuis

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Praise Him* Gordon Young
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #290** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our gracious and patient God, we confess that we too often allow our fears to determine what we do and say. We fail to trust your promises or believe in your power. We forget that you are greater than any of our fears or problems. Please forgive our lack of faith and remind us that there is nothing in this world that we need to fear for you are always with us. *(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 *Give Us a Vision* Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

EPIPHANY STARS – HYMN #288 *We Three Kings*

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* George Whelpton

OFFERTORY *Minuet in G* L. van Beethoven

***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 Colossians 2:6-15

MESSAGE *Alive with Christ* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #366** *I Live*

*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 *Here I Am*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *My Life Is In You Lord
Power and Might
Lord You Have My Heart*

PRAYER

OFFERING *Holy Ground*

SPECIAL MUSIC *One Small Child*
New Beginnings Praise Team

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:24-2:5

MESSAGE *Alive with Christ* Steve Mock

***CLOSING SONG** *He Is Good*

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, *Rosie's Adult Family Care* Dorothy Blue, *Harbor Terrace*
Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*
Esther Wheeler, *Life Care Center*

**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 Gail Thornton in memory of her brother, Max Herwig.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Today is our monthly collection for the Deacon's Fund which supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Spanish devotionals for Mision Peniel, and others.

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.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, January 12th at 10:00am**.

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.

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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – On **Sunday, January 18th at 3pm** in the Conference Room, 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. Please sign up in the church entrance.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – The deadline for articles for the February Messenger is **Monday, January 19**. However, they would be welcomed earlier than that!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be held **Tuesday, January 20th** in the home of the Cuzners, 2615 Rio Grande, Punta Gorda Isles and starts at 10am. Our new study is "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.

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.

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

HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE IN ORLANDO – Sign up for the trip to the Holy Land Experience for Wednesday, February 25, 2015 **is closed**. If you have already signed up, you will be contacted with more information.

TREASURES TABLE: Presbyterian Women is resuming their Priceless Treasures fundraiser. A table is available in the Fellowship Hall for you to put your donations on. Please – no clothing. You are encouraged to bring household goods and appliances in good working order, toys, general interest books, CDs, DVDs, and decorative items. If you find a "treasure" that you would like to take home, just put your donation in the container provided. The proceeds are for outreach projects.

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.

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. 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. 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. 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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

January 11th thru January 18th

Sunday, January 11

6:00pm Prayer Service

Monday, January 12

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering
10:00am Diabetes Group

Tuesday, January 13

3:00pm Mission Team

Wednesday, January 14

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, January 15

5:30pm Praise Team
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

5:00pm Neighbor-to-Neighbor Dinner

Sunday, January 4

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship
10:30am Traditional Worship
6:00pm Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Colossians 2:6-15

6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self-ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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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

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ECO'S VISION

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

January 11, 2015

9:00am & 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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