
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Trumpet Tune* Gordon Young**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Come Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir***HYMN #45** *Crown Him with Many Crowns***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and generous God, we confess that too often we take for granted all the blessings we've received from Your loving hand. We demand our rights or feel others owe us. This spirit of entitlement forgets our total dependence upon You for everything. Please forgive us and help us to be thankful for all we have and for Your care and love. *(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 *In Christ Alone* Townsend/Getty
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *He's All I Need* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Larghetto Amoroso* Daniel G. Turk***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God, You give us so much love. You fill us with abundance and mercy. Your gifts to us are constant and numerous. Now we bring to You our dollars and our talents. We bring to You our love and our skills. We bring to You our devotion and our time. Take all of this and take all of us and dedicate us and our gifts to ministry and service. In the name of Jesus Christ, we offer all now. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 29:18**MESSAGE** *Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #562** *Be Thou My Vision****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.

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

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504000476

9:00am New Beginnings Service

OPENING SONG *We've Come to Glorify****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Great Is the Lord
I Give You My Heart
The Heart of Worship***PRAYER****OFFERING** *You Shine***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Trust in God*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 29:18**MESSAGE** *Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Sweet Jesus*

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 NeedsJerry 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 Anna Belle DeBlauw
Joan Pfeiffer Richard Hill***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*
Lorraine Sisson, *Saginaw, MI* John Milligan, *Sandhill Gardens*
Doris Henning, *Sandhill Gardens* Mae Snyder, *Port Charlotte Rehab*

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

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.**FLOWERS** – The flowers this morning are given by Bill and Pauli Purcell in memory of Uncle Gordon Larson.**DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****ROSE** - The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Kennedy Layne Shook, great-granddaughter of Richard & Donna Peterson. Kennedy was born December 16th to Kyle Shook and Jennifer Peterson of Greenville, Pennsylvania.**TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.**40 DAYS OF LOVE** – *Next Sunday, January 22, 2017*, we begin our 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!**LIONS, TIGERS & BEARS EXCURSION** – The excursion to “Lions, Tigers & Bears” in Arcadia is **THIS 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. **There is still room for a few more participants**, so please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.**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.**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Articles for the February / March combined newsletter are due in the church office **TOMORROW, January 16th**.**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, January 16th at 10am**.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, January 17th** 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.**DEACON'S FUND** – **NEXT Sunday, January 22nd**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.**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 15th thru January 22nd

Sunday, January 15

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Monday, January 16

10:00am *Newsletter Deadline*
Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, January 17

10:00am Game Morning

Wednesday, January 18

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 21

4:00pm Lions, Tigers & Bears Excursion

Sunday, January 22

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship
10:30am Traditional Worship
6:00pm 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 15, 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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