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## 10:30am Worship Service

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. John Ness Beck

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**INTROIT** *We Have Gathered* Stan Pethel  
Chancel Choir

\***HYMN #210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### 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** *Kumbaya* Traditional  
Chancel Choir

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**RESPONSE** *Cares Chorus* Kelly Willard

**OFFERTORY** *Pastorale* William H Clark

\***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** Colossians 2:16-23

**MESSAGE** *Died with Christ* Pastor Steve Mock

\***HYMN #347** *And Can It Be?*

### \*BENEDICTION

\***RESPONSE** *Sevenfold Amen* John Stainer

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*

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## 9:00am New Beginnings Service

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**GATHERING SONG** *Bless That Wonderful Name*

\***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Jesus We Love You  
Shine Jesus Shine  
Refresh My Heart*

### PRAYER

**OFFERING** *Trust in the Lord*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *He Is My Peace*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE** Colossians 2:16-23

**MESSAGE** *Died with Christ* Pastor Steve Mock

\***CLOSING SONG** *He Knows My Name*

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### 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*

- 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.
- Sarah Ferry and family on the loss of her son, Joe Ferry, on January 9th.

#### *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.*

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

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given this morning by Donna & Richard Peterson in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**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 Misión 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.

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – TODAY 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** – On **Sunday, February 1st** at 4pm, Reg and Gretchen Dunneman will be giving a concert of gospel music in our sanctuary. They were with us last year and we encourage you to attend this wonderful event.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – The deadline for articles for the February Messenger is **tomorrow**.

**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.

**BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING NEXT WEEK** – Your donations next Sunday will help provide warmth for victims of disasters, seeds & tools for struggling farmers, and water & health to impoverished communities. Make a gift of love that will keep on giving throughout the year.

**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.

**“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY– On Sunday, February 1** come prepared to put your cans of soup in the food bin and/or \$\$\$\$ in the empty soup pots, which will be used for food for the hungry of Charlotte County.

**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.. (No clothing, please.) 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.

**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 18th thru January 25th

<b>Sunday, January 18</b>	
6:00pm	Prayer Service
<b>Monday, January 19</b>	
2:00pm	Session
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at Cuzners’
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
9:30am	Second Cup
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, January 23</b>	
12:15pm	Mission Trip to Immokalee
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Service

## SERMON NOTES

**Colossians 2:16-23**

16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. 18 Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. 19 They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: 21 “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? 22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. 23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

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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 18, 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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