
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Voluntary* Anonymous

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Halle, Halle, Halle* arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #56** *To God Be the Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, You have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let Your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. *(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 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer* R. P. Curtis

OFFERTORY *Voluntary* John Zundel

DOXOLOGY #815**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thanks be to You, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURES 1 Corinthians 14:1, Mark 12:30-31, 1 Corinthians 16:14

MESSAGE *It's All About Love* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #648** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***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 *I Am Somebody*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*
He Will Deliver Me
Find Me in the River

PRAYER

OFFERING *How Great You Are*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Rock of Ages (Forgiven and Free)*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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***CLOSING SONG** *Change My Heart, O God*

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 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.

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

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given by Gayle and Fred Rosa in loving memory of their parents.

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 Conner Ray, 22nd great-grandchild of Gail Thornton. Conner was born January 16th to Eric and Ellice Glaser of Colfax, WI.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

40 DAYS OF LOVE – TODAY begins 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!

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – This study is on hiatus until the conclusion of the *40 Days of Love* all church study. Pastor Larry's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, March 8th.

GAME MORNING – Join us **THIS Thursday, January 26th** for Game Morning from **10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **THIS 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.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING – On **Sunday, February 5th**, we will have our annual congregational meeting at 11:30am. Please plan on attending.

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY – On **Sunday, February 5th**, 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.

ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held **Sunday, February 12th at 11:45am** in our Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden.

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING FEBRUARY 12TH – Your donations on Sunday, February 12th, will help provide warmth for victims of disasters, plus seeds & tools for struggling farmers, and water & health to impoverished communities worldwide through Church World Service. Make a gift of love that will keep on giving throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATE – The Fellowship Team is planning a “Yummy & Sweets Party” on **Wednesday, February 15th, at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall, to celebrate Valentine's Day. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Entertainment will be provided by “Simply Faith”, a Gospel trio. Please plan to attend.

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.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially supporting two missionary families through Antioch Partners. Eric & Debbie Stone and family are serving in Guatemala and Lisa Alfonsi is serving in Peru. Please pray for them. If you would

like to donate to either of these missionaries, please make checks payable to the church and on the memo line write “Stone Family” or “Lisa Alfonsi”.

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 22nd thru January 29th

Sunday, January 22

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, January 26

8:00am R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
10:00am Game Morning
5:30pm Praise Team
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 27

12:15pm Mission Team Trip to Immokalee

Sunday, January 29

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

SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 14:1, Mark 12:30-31, 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Do everything in love.

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



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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 22, 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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