
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Trumpet Tune in C* Michael Mohr**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Rejoice the Lord is King* arr. Stan Pethel
Chancel Choir***HYMN #63 (Vss. 1, 2 &5)** *All Creatures of Our God and King***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Steadfast God, we confess to You and to one another that we rely more upon the things of our own invention than upon Your saving help. We have believed that our ingenuity would rescue us from all harm, and we have found it hard to let go of our pet projects. Forgive us, O God, for not having placed our faith in You. Have mercy on us for clinging so hard to our own concept of the way things should be and for failing to hear Your fresh alternatives. Turn our world upside down, O God, and teach us to trust in You above all else. *(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 *God of the Ages* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Hear Our Prayer* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Sinfonia* J. S. Bach***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, accept these gifts as signs of our desire to serve You. Make our offerings to be instruments of peace and grace in the world. Use them to heal the sick, and to bring hope to the brokenhearted, comfort for the afflicted, justice for the oppressed and good news to all. And let all that we do be a foretaste of Your reign on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURES Matthew 22:36-39**MESSAGE** *Love Matters Most* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #656** *Take Time to Be Holy****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 #504065392

9:00am New Beginnings Service

OPENING SONG *Rock of My Salvation****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Friends in High Places*
Cry of My Heart
*Open Our Eyes, Lord***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Willing Heart***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Jesus Loves Me*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURES** Matthew 22:36-39**MESSAGE** *Love Matters Most* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Seek Ye First*

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 Donna Peterson and family on the loss of her sister, Bettye Michaels, on January 18th.

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.

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

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given by Joan Hoffman in loving memory of George.**THE DECEMBER/JANUARY CHURCH NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

40 DAYS OF LOVE – Our all church study, based on 1 Corinthians 13, continues through March 3rd. If you would like to join a class, please call the church office and we will connect you with 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!

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING – NEXT Sunday, February 5th, we will have our annual congregational meeting at 11:30am. Please plan on attending. Annual reports are available on the handout table.

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY – NEXT 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.

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, February 2nd for Game Morning from 10am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.

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.

“YUMMY & SWEETS PARTY” – The Fellowship Team is planning a “Yummy & Sweets Party” on Tuesday, February 14th, 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 Southern Gospel Trio. Please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.

MINISTRY/MISSIONS FAIR ON FEBRUARY 19TH – What activities does our church sponsor, who is the responsible elder, how often does the committee meet, and how can I help? These are all questions you may have. On February 19th following the 10:30am service we will hold a **Ministry Fair** to highlight our service to our covenant partners and the community. The elders and deacons will be there to answer questions and a review of each ministry will be covered. Do not miss this opportunity to learn more about your church!

SINGLES MINISTRY – Singles, please join us for our first meeting on Monday, February 27th, at 10:00am for coffee and donuts and to discuss plans for our new club. Please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is Friday, March 24th. 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.

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 29th thru February 5th

Sunday, January 29

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, January 31

10:00am 40 Days of Love Small Group

Wednesday, February 1

10:00am 40 Days of Love Small Group
2:30pm 40 Days of Love Small Group
7:00pm 40 Days of Love Small Group

Thursday, February 2

10:00am Game Morning
5:30pm Praise Team
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 3

7:00pm 40 Days of Love Small Group

Sunday, February 5

9:00am “Souper Bowl Sunday”
New Beginnings Worship
10:30am Traditional Worship
11:30am Annual Congregational Meeting
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 22:36-39 (CEV)

³⁶“Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?” ³⁷Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. ³⁸This is the first and most important commandment. ³⁹The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, “Love others as much as you love yourself.”

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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 29, 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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