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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Fantasia* J. Pachelbel**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *We Have Gathered* Stan Pethel  
Chancel Choir**\*HYMN #90** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Father in heaven, have mercy on us. We are sinful, prideful, selfish people. We spend so much time looking out for ourselves, trampling on the people closest to us as a result. We have broken our relationships with friends, with our children, with our spouses. Oh, how desperately we need a Savior! Break our hearts and teach them how to love again. Help us not to fear love, but to love courageously. Forgive us for failing. Thank You for picking us up and restoring us. We trust You and love You. In Your holy name, Amen. *(Silent Confession)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE****\*GLORIA PATRI #813**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The First Creed - Ephesians 4:4-7 NKJV *(Unison)*  
There is One Body, and One Spirit, even as we are called in One Hope of our calling — One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in all. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *Glory to His Name Medley* Michael Frazier  
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Almighty Father* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Allegretto* Beethoven**\*DOXOLOGY #815****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for You. Multiply them and use them to build Your church in this community. May they extend Your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of Your people. In His name we pray. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 13:5**MESSAGE** *Love Lets It Go* Pastor Steve Mock**\*HYMN #563** *Open My Eyes That I May See***\*BENEDICTION****\*RESPONSE** *Sevenfold Amen* John Stainer

\*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*

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**9:00am New Beginnings Service**

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**OPENING SONG** *Forever***\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*  
*Shout to the Lord*  
*Think About His Love***PRAYER****OFFERING** *In All Things Give Thanks***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Testify to Love*  
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 13:5**MESSAGE** *Love Lets It Go* Pastor Steve Mock**\*CLOSING SONG** *Lord You Have My Heart*

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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 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.
- Pray for Veralou Scott and family on the loss of her husband, Walter, on February 9th.

***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.**THE FEBRUARY 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 Bryce Anthony Meyers, 4th great-grandson of Nancy Murphy. Bryce was born February 8th to Chris and Stacey Meyers of Amherst, Ohio.**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.**MINISTRY/MISSIONS FAIR TODAY** – Following the 10:30am service today we will hold a **Ministry/Missions Fair** in Fellowship Hall 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!**DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY** – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – NEXT Sunday, February 26th at 3pm**, 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 foyer.**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 15th.**R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace) & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. (Joyful Understanding Ladies Inconspicuously Eating Together Someplace)** - will meet at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport **THIS Thursday, February 23rd at 8:00am**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**THE SECOND CUP (of coffee)** – You're invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group **THIS Thursday, February 23rd at 9:30am** in the Conference Room. Dave Sifferd leads this study of the Book of Acts, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Thursday, February 23rd** for Game Morning from **10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.**SINGLES MINISTRY** – Singles, please join us for our first meeting **NEXT 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.**SAVE THE DATE** – Please plan to join us on **Wednesday, March 15th, at 5:30pm** for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner in Fellowship Hall, featuring corned beef and cabbage.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, March 24th**. We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore at 941-676-7086 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

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**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**February 19th thru February 26th**

**Sunday, February 19**

11:30am Ministry/Missions Fair  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

**Monday, February 20**

2:00pm Session

**Tuesday, February 21**

10:00am 40 Days of Love Small Group

**Wednesday, February 22**

10:00am 40 Days of Love Small Group  
2:30pm 40 Days of Love Small Group  
6:30pm 40 Days of Love Small Group

**Thursday, February 23**

8:00am R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.  
9:30am Second Cup  
10:00am Game Morning  
5:30pm Praise Team  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 24**

7:00pm 40 Days of Love Small Group

**Sunday, February 26**

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
3:00pm C.L.A.S.S. 101  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

**SERMON NOTES**

**1 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)**

Love is not...rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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



**ECO**

A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

**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***

**February 19, 2017**

**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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