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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Andante* John Stanley**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Come Let Us Sing* Mary Kay Beall  
Chancel Choir**\*HYMN #93** *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, we bow our heads before You in humble confession of the wrongs we have done, as well as the acts of love and mercy we have not done. We have bent the truth to serve our own purposes. We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn. We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others make allowances for us. We have coveted things we do not need. We have spoken more than we have listened, getting carried away by our own self-importance. We have been slow to serve, but quick to demand service of others. We arrogantly imagine we can manage the lives of other people when we have not yet learned to manage our own with righteousness. For Jesus' sake, forgive us these sins and help us follow Him in all our thoughts, words and deeds. *(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** *From Age to Age the Same* arr. Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Almighty Father* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Sonatina in G* Beethoven**\*DOXOLOGY #815****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, like Abraham and Sarah, we have heard Your call. We respond with fledgling faith, offering what we have as we step into the unknown future with You. Bless and multiply these gifts of faith, we pray, to accomplish more than we dare think or ask. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 13:5**MESSAGE** *Love Is Not Easily Angered* Pastor Steve Mock**\*HYMN #231** *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart***\*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** *Awesome God***\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Mighty Is Our God*  
*My Life Is in You Lord*  
*Lamb of God***PRAYER****OFFERING** *His Strength is Perfect***SPECIAL MUSIC** *My Savior Loves Me*  
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 13:5**MESSAGE** *Love Is Not Easily Angered* Pastor Steve Mock**\*CLOSING SONG** *Alleluia*

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**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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***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 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 Anne Swift in honor of her daughter Whitney's birthday.**THE MARCH 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 Nora Elaine Hill, great-granddaughter of Shirley Berg. Nora was born on February 8th to Ryan and Ashley Hill.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – TODAY 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.**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.**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**.**SINGLES MINISTRY** – Singles, please join us for our first meeting **TOMORROW at 10:00am** for coffee and donuts and to discuss plans for our new ministry. Please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Thursday, March 2nd** for Game Morning from **10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.**CROSSROADS TOUR TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH** – We have arranged to tour the facilities at the new Crossroads Hope Academy, formerly known as AMIkids Crossroads, on **Tuesday, March 7th**. We will also view the Pottery Room in action. If you would like to participate in this tour, we will be leaving the church at **2:30pm** and return around 6:00pm. Please sign up in the church foyer.**WE NEED YOUR PICTURE** – A new picture directory is being put together in March. Please sign up in the church foyer to have your picture taken on Sundays in March, following each service, in Fellowship Hall.**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. The movie "Lord of the Dance" will be shown.**AFTERNOON HIGH TEA** – All ladies are invited to an Afternoon High Tea on **Saturday, March 25th, at 2:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. The Tea is hosted by Phyllis Ehrhardt, Nancy Smith, Bonnie Brown and Rachel Pfaender. Tea and refreshments will be provided. **PLEASE WEAR A "HAT"**. Sign up in the church foyer by Sunday, March 19th.**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.**WHAT IS YOUR SHAPE?** Have you discovered the unique purpose God has for your life? This study is designed to take you to the next level of purpose, to reveal how God has designed you, and help see how that fits the intention for which you were created. In three sessions we'll unpack for you the five elements of God's blueprints for S.H.A.P.E.ing you.**Spiritual Gifts Heart/Passions Abilities Personality Experiences**Join us on **Mondays, March 20th, March 27th and April 3rd at 10am** at our church to discover your SHAPE. Each session is about 1 1/2 hours long. Please use the sign up sheet in the church foyer so that we can be sure to have the correct number of study guides for you.**SUPPORT THE "PUNTA GORDA VETERANS VILLAGE" ON TAYLOR ROAD** – Please place these items in the green basket in the church foyer: non-perishable foods and miscellaneous household items. Information about the

Veterans Village and a suggested list of donations are found by the basket.

**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** – Crossroads Hope Academy, formerly known as AMIkids Crossroads, is in need of operating funds for their new phase of ministry. 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.**

**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.

**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 26th thru March 5th

**Sunday, February 26**

3:00pm C.L.A.S.S. 101  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

**Monday, February 27**

10:00am Singles Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, February 28**

10:00am 40 Days of Love Small Group

**Wednesday, March 1**

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, March 2**

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

**Friday, March 3**

7:00pm 40 Days of Love Small Group

**Sunday, March 5**

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
11:30am *40 Days of Love Celebration*  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

## SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



# ECO

A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
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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*

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February 26, 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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