
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* arr. Albin Whitworth**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Faithful Is God* arr. Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir***HYMN #90** *Joyful, Joyful, 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 *The Holy Heart* arr. Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Someone Who Cares* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Suite for a Musical Clock* G. F. Handel***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 Romans 8:26**MESSAGE** *Holy Who? Intercessor* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #630** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Go in Peace* 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

GATHERING SONG *Awesome God****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Here I Am to Worship
Shout to the Lord
Lamb of God***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb***SPECIAL MUSIC** *All To Us*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Romans 8:26**MESSAGE** *Holy Who? Intercessor* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Lord You Have My Heart*

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.
- Pray for Charlotte County, for revival and renewal as part of Prayers Over Charlotte initiated by the Sunday Night Prayer meeting.
- Pray for Rob and Jennifer Taylor, missionaries to Zambia, that we support.

Those with Special NeedsJerry Julius Rev. Larry Yerger
Vern Wilson Helen Anderson
Kay Callahan Carol Foster
Ella Sifferd Nancy Beasom
Dianne Sizemore Cara Coletti
Cara Gebel Betty Stroth
Shirley Richey***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*
Lorraine Sisson, *Saginaw, MI* John Milligan, *Sandhill Gardens*
Doris Henning, *Sandhill Gardens**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 Kathy & Roy Belville in loving memory and honor of family.**MARCH NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE*****

- **Palm Sunday – March 20 – 9am & 10:30am services**
- **Maundy Thursday – March 24 – 7pm Tenebrae Service**
- **Good Friday – March 25 – 12pm Communion Service**
- **Easter Sunday – March 27**
 - 7:00am Sunrise Service in east parking lot
(please bring your own chair)
 - 9:00am New Beginnings Praise Worship
 - 10:30am Traditional Service

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**PRAYER MEETING** – A prayer meeting is held **Sunday evenings at 6pm** in the Conference Room. Come and be a part of what God's Spirit is doing in our church and community.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets **THIS Tuesday, March 1st**. Our study is *Believing God* by Beth Moore. We meet at 10am at the home of Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles. The study is about two hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women are welcome.**CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SERVICE SEMINARS (C.L.A.S.S.) – Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10am through March 9th.****How to Become a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels (C.L.A.S.S. 206)**

led by Pastor Steve Mock

A Study of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (C.L.A.S.S. 212)

led by Pastor Larry Yerger

DINNER FOR 8 GROUPS – New Small Groups begin in March. Our study will focus on “new life” as we enter the Easter Season. Please sign up in the church foyer or call Georgia Cherny for more information at 941-575-2186.**BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING MARCH 6TH** – Your donation of \$5.00 or more **NEXT Sunday, March 6th**, will help provide warmth for victims of disasters, 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.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – Sunday, March 13th 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.**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR** – Please bring cookies to share for the Coffee Hour following the 10:30am service on Sunday mornings.**VISITATION MINISTRY – COOKIES NEEDED** – Cookies for the Waterford Visitation Ministry are needed by Monday, March 14th. If you are willing to bake two dozen or more, please call Georgia Cherny at 941-575-2186 or Phyllis Richardson at 941-575-9344. Thank you and may our Lord bless your efforts.**EASTER LILIES** – We will be decorating the church with lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate one in remembrance or honor of a loved one, please use the offering envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$7 for each lily. **Please have your envelope back by Monday, March 14th**, so that we can recognize you in the bulletin insert we are publishing.**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER MARCH 16TH** – Join us on **Wednesday, March 16th, at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall for a corned beef & cabbage dinner, with cake for dessert. The movie “Finian's Rainbow” starring Fred Astaire will be shown for our Irish entertainment. Cost is \$7.00. Sign up in the church foyer.**CROSSROADS TRIP** – Presbyterian Women have organized a trip to Crossroads on **Thursday, March 17th**, to meet the boys, tour the facilities, and deliver “*Personal Hygiene Kits*”. All are welcome to join us. **We will meet at the church at 11am and carpool.** Please sign up in the church foyer and pick up a flyer for a list of items to donate for the hygiene kits.**TENEBRAE SERVICE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH** – We have a Tenebrae Service planned for Maundy Thursday. Our Choir will present a dramatic work called “We Remember Calvary”. This service will be filled with familiar music and narration and culminates in a very familiar and reflective song. See the March Newsletter for more information on a Tenebrae Service.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee will be **Friday, March 25th**. We will carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer. Donations of *gently used blankets*,

sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts can be put 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? Are you willing to deliver a meal that someone else has fixed? If so, please call the church office to volunteer.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially supporting the Taylor family in their 2-year commitment in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make checks payable to the church and on the memo line write “Taylor Family.”

CROSSROADS MINISTRY – AMI KIDS Crossroads is in need of operating funds. To donate, please make checks payable to the 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.

TREASURES TABLE – Visit the Presbyterian Women’s Priceless Treasures table in the 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.

SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:26 (NIV)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

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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

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ECO’S VISION

... to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

February 28 thru March 6

<u>Sunday, February 28</u>	Third Sunday in Lent
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Tuesday, March 1</u>	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners
<u>Wednesday, March 2</u>	
10:00am	Christian Life and Service Seminars
<u>Thursday, March 3</u>	
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, March 4</u>	Church Office Closed
<u>Sunday, March 6</u>	Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

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Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

9:00am & 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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