
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Prelude on “Windsor”* Raymond Haan**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir***HYMN #309** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer***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 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 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Jesus, Savior* Randall Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Voluntary* William Walond***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 John 16:29-33**MESSAGE** *Take Heart!* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #459** *We Remember You***SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN #734** *Be Strong in the Lord*BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Serving You* Randall Curtis

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

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Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service

9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *Rock of My Salvation****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*
Great Is the Lord
*Make Me a Servant***PRAYER****OFFERING** *He Will Deliver Me***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Speak, O Lord*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** John 16:29-33**MESSAGE** *Take Heart!* Pastor Steve Mock**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER*****CLOSING SONG** *How Great You Are*

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.
- The family of CCSO Sgt. Michael Wilson who was killed in the line of duty August 5, 2013 and the law enforcement officers who daily put their lives on the line for us.

Those Who Grieve

- Rachel Pfaender and family on the loss of her husband, Fred on February 3rd.

Those with Special NeedsBetty Stroth Doris Henning
Helmut Ehrhardt Paul & Arlene Gebel
Joyce Kiskaddon Rev. Larry Yerger
Kay Callahan Ella Sifferd
Jerry & Nancy Julius Rob & Jennifer Taylor & family
Barbara Woods Carol Foster***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***Sarah Ferry, *Rosie’s Adult Family Care* Dorothy Blue, *Harbor Terrace*Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*Esther Wheeler, *Life Care Center***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 are given this morning by Gayle Rosa in loving memory of her parents.**MARCH NEWSLETTER** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****PRAYER SERVICE** – A weekly prayer service is being offered on **Sunday evenings at 6pm** in the Conference Room. Come and share in this experience of God’s people praying together.**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins next Sunday. Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th!**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will be held **Tuesday, March 3rd**, in the home of the Cuzners, 2615 Rio Grande, Punta Gorda Isles and starts at 10am. Our study is *The Divine Conspiracy* by Dallas Willard and John Ortberg and is about 2 hours, with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome.**BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG** – Participate in a Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger every **Wednesday at 10am**. Our current study is the Book of Revelation. New attendees are always welcome to join us.**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 be meeting at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at **8:00am this Thursday, March 5th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**THE SECOND CUP (of coffee)** – You’re invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group on Thursday, **March 5th at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. Dave Sifferd leads this study of the Old and New Testaments, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.**APRIL NEWSLETTER** – The deadline for submitting articles is March 9th.**SAINT PATRICK’S CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** – All are invited for dinner and entertainment on **Wednesday, March 18th, at 5:30pm**. The cost for this event is \$7.00. Please use the sign up sheet in the entryway.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – On **Sunday, March 22nd, at 3pm** in the Conference Room, 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 entryway.**AMI CROSSROADS KIDS** – **Monday, March 23rd** you are invited to car pool at 10:00 to AMI Crossroads Kids. We will tour the campus, eat lunch with the boys and then tour the pottery room to see what our money is doing for the boys. **Please sign up in the church entryway so they have a head count for lunch.****“DINNER FOR EIGHT” SMALL GROUPS** – The sixth and final meeting of the “Dinner For Eight” Small Group Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, March 24th, 5:00pm**. We are looking forward to this “Reunion” group time of fellowship and sharing the events of the previous five weeks. Thank you to our leaders: Joe Cherny, Diane Truby, Joan Hoffman, Don Washabaugh and Arlene Gebel and all those who provide the savory meals.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – The migrants are in need of GENTLY USED BLANKETS, SHEETS AND TOWELS. They also need LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS AND REGULAR SHIRTS. Please put donations in the wicker basket in the church entrance. If you would like to volunteer to help with serving the meal at Misión Peniel, talk to Dianne Sizemore. The next trip will be **Friday, March 27th**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm.**TREASURES TABLE** – Presbyterian Women has resumed their Priceless Treasures fundraiser. A table is available in the Fellowship Hall for you to put your donations on. (No clothing, please.) If you find a “treasure” that you would like, just put your donation in the container provided. Proceeds are for outreach projects.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments & suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church entrance.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially helping to support Rob and Jennifer Taylor and their four children in their 2-year commitment to the mission field in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make your check out to the church and in the memo line enter “Taylor Family.” Thanks - your Mission Team.

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.**

AMI KIDS CROSSROADS – 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.”

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 be invited to this page please email Randy at rpc1220@me.com. Live streaming of both services are available on the Church's website homepage by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE: www.fpcpunta.org. Your comments, thoughts and ideas are also welcome.

FLOWERS – May be funded for the **cost of \$37**. To make a donation, sign up at the sign-up table in the church lobby. If the flowers are in honor and/or in memory of something or someone, please put that on the sign-up sheet.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK
March 1st thru March 8th

<u>Sunday, March 1</u>	
6:00pm	Prayer Service
<u>Monday, March 2</u>	
3:30pm	Worship Team
<u>Tuesday, March 3</u>	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at Cuzners’
<u>Wednesday, March 4</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, March 5</u>	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
9:30am	Second Cup
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Sunday, March 8</u>	
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

John 16:29-33

29 Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.”

31 “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. 32 “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

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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

March 1, 2015

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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