
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Hal H. Hopson**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Praise Ye the Lord* Gordon Young
Chancel Choir***HYMN #104 (Vss. 1, 2 & 5)** *O Worship the King***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and generous God, we confess that too often we take for granted all the blessings we've received from Your loving hand. We demand our rights or feel others owe us. This spirit of entitlement forgets our total dependence upon You for everything. Please forgive us and help us to be thankful for all we have and for Your care and love. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE***GLORIA PATRI #813*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Westminster Confession of Faith*)**

All those that are justified, God promises, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption: by which they are taken into the number and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have His Name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for and chastened by Him as by a Father; yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

ANTHEM *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Dale Peterson
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Wonderful Father* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Prelude in E Minor* Chopin***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of praise and thanks for Your presence and Your love. We praise You for Your church and its witness and ministry to all. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by Your Spirit and further the ministries of Your church through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:7**MESSAGE** *The Secrets of Lasting Love* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #463 (Vss. 1, 2 & 4)** *I Will Remember Thee***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 #237** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*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 *Praise Him, Raise Him****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Bless that Wonderful Name*
He Is Good
*The Heart of Worship***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Holy, You Are Holy***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Stained Glass*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 13:7**MESSAGE** *The Secrets of Lasting Love* Pastor Steve Mock**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*****CLOSING SONG** *We Are the Body of Christ*

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 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 by Bev Brady in celebration of George Fallenbeck's birthday.**THE MARCH NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****40 DAYS OF LOVE** – Join us in Fellowship Hall today following the 10:30am service to celebrate the completion of our six-week study. Cake and refreshments will be served.**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.**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS THIS COMING WEEKEND! *Spring Ahead!*****WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry's Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, March 15th**, at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, March 7th** for Game Morning from **10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.**CROSSROADS TOUR THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH** – We have arranged to tour Crossroads Hope Academy, formerly known as AMIkids Crossroads, as well as view the Pottery Room in action. **We will leave the church at 2:30pm and return around 6:00pm.** Please sign up in the church foyer.**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, March 9th 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, March 9th at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. 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.**RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday, March 12th.** Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Articles for the **April** newsletter are due in the church office by **Monday, March 13th.****St. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** – Please 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. The cost for this dinner is \$5.00 per person. Sign up now in the church foyer.**SINGLES MINISTRY** – The first event for our new ministry "**Sociable Singles**" is on **Friday, March 17th, at 12:00pm** for *Lunch* at the Olympia Restaurant in Port Charlotte. We plan to carpool from the church at 11:30am. Please sign up in the church foyer.**AFTERNOON TEA** – All ladies are invited to an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday, March 25th, at 2:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Tea and refreshments will be provided. *Please wear a "hat", gloves are optional.* 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 is in need of operating funds for their new phase of ministry. To make a donation, 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.

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.

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

March 5th thru March 12th

Sunday, March 5	First Sunday in Lent
11:30am	<i>40 Days of Love Celebration</i>
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday, March 6	
10:00am	Fellowship Team
3:30pm	Worship Team
Tuesday, March 7	
10:00am	Game Morning
2:30pm	Crossroads Trip
Thursday, March 9	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
9:30am	The Second Cup
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 7	
9:00am	Session Retreat
Sunday, March 12	Second Sunday in Lent
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 13:7 (God's Word Translation)

Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up.

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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

First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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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