
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Deo Gracias (The Agincourt Hymn)* arr. David Hoffman**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* arr. Joel Raney
Chancel Choir***HYMN #328** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory***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** 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 *Remember, Remember Me* Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *The Holy Heart* arr. R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Sonatina* Muzio Clementi***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 Romans 8:27**MESSAGE** *Holy Who? Mind Reader* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #460** *Let Us Break Bread Together***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 #343** *Amazing Grace*BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Mary Rose Jensen

*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

GATHERING SONG *Bless That Wonderful Name****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*
Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
*The Heart of Worship***PRAYER****OFFERING** *We Are the Body of Christ***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Amazed By You*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Romans 8:27**MESSAGE** *Holy Who? Mind Reader* Pastor Steve Mock**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*****CLOSING SONG** *God Is Good All the Time*

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 Needs*Jerry 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 Sharon Russell*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 Diane Truby in honor of her grandson's wedding day.**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**BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING TODAY** – Your donation of \$5.00 or more 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.**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.**DINNER FOR 8 GROUPS** – New Small Groups have begun. Our study focuses 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.**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins next Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, March 8th** for Game Morning from 10am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Come to either play or just to observe.**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

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 10th, 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 10th 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.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – **NEXT 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.**RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **NEXT Sunday, March 13th**. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.**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.**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Articles for the April newsletter are due in the church office by **Monday, March 14th**.**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.

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 21st**, so that we can recognize you in the bulletin insert we are publishing.

TENEBRAE SERVICE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH, 7:00PM – On 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.

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.”

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.

OUR DAILY BREAD – This booklet of daily devotionals is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

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 6 thru March 13

<u>Sunday, March 6</u> 6:00pm	Fourth Sunday in Lent Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, March 7</u> 10:00am 3:30pm	Fellowship Team Worship Team
<u>Tuesday, March 8</u> 10:00am 3:00pm	Game Morning Mission Team
<u>Wednesday, March 9</u> 10:00am	Christian Life and Service Seminars
<u>Thursday, March 10</u> 8:00am 9:30am 5:30pm 7:00pm	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. Second Cup Praise Team Choir Rehearsal
<u>Saturday, March 12</u>	Set your clocks ahead
<u>Sunday, March 13</u> 9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship Traditional Worship New Member Class Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:27 (NIV)

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 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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