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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Gigue* Gordon Young**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Praise, Praise the Lord* Jay Althouse  
Chancel Choir**\*HYMN #571** *Trust and Obey***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to love others according to your will. We judge them and make assumptions about others without ever trying to take the time to understand them. We see them not with the eyes of Jesus, but with our selfish eyes. Please forgive us and help us in this season of Lent to remember that Jesus came to give his life for all people. May we show grace and mercy to others just as you have done for us. (*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** *When You Prayed Beneath the Tree* Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Jesus, Savior* Randall Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Sonatina* Muzio Clementi**\*DOXOLOGY #815****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for you. Multiply them and use them to build your church in this community. May they extend your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of your people. In His name we pray. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** John 2:13-22**MESSAGE** “Options” Pastor Larry Yerger**\*HYMN #674** *Who Is on the Lord's Side?***\*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*

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**9:00am New Beginnings Service**

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**GATHERING SONG** *I Am Somebody***\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *The River Is Here*  
*Shepherd of My Soul*  
*All That I Need***PRAYER****OFFERING** *His Strength Is Perfect***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Redeemer, Savior, Friend*  
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** John 2:13-22**MESSAGE** “Options” Pastor Larry Yerger**\*CLOSING SONG** *Cry of My Heart*

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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 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 with Special Needs***

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| Betty 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                   |
| Larry Mesler         |                                |

***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***

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| Sarah Ferry, <i>Rosie's Adult Family Care</i>  | Dorothy Blue, <i>Harbor Terrace</i> |
| Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i> | Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>     |
| Esther Wheeler, <i>Life Care Center</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 are given this morning by Andy & Nancy Smith in loving memory of our parents.**MARCH NEWSLETTER** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****\*\*\*MARK YOU CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE\*\*\***

- **Palm Sunday – March 29 – 9am & 10:30am services**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 2 – 7pm Tenebrae Service**
- **Good Friday – April 3 – 12pm Communion Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 5**
  - 7:00am **Sunrise Service in east parking lot (please bring your own chair)**
  - 9:00am **New Beginnings Praise Worship**
  - 10:30am **Traditional Service**

**TODAY IS RICE AND PINTO BEANS SUNDAY**– Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.**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.**APRIL NEWSLETTER** – The deadline for submitting articles is **TOMORROW**.**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am**.**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.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be held **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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.**SAINT PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** – All are invited for dinner and entertainment on **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm**. The cost for this event is \$7.00. Please use the sign up sheet in the entryway.**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR** – On **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**, FPCPG will serve a free meal for people who need food assistance from 5 – 7pm. We need volunteers to help serve, greet the people, and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up in the church entrance.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – On **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.****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 23<sup>rd</sup>**, so that we can recognize you in the bulletin insert we are publishing.**“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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm.

**TENEBRAE SERVICE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>** – We have a Tenebrae Service planned for Maundy Thursday. Our Choir has started working on a special musical presentation. 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

March 8th thru March 15th

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| <b>Sunday, March 8</b>     |                               |
| 6:00pm                     | Prayer Service                |
| <b>Monday, March 9</b>     |                               |
| 10:00am                    | Prayer Shawl Gathering        |
| 10:00am                    | Fellowship Team               |
| <b>Tuesday, March 10</b>   |                               |
| 3:00pm                     | Mission Team                  |
| <b>Wednesday, March 11</b> |                               |
| 10:00am                    | Bible Study                   |
| <b>Thursday, March 12</b>  |                               |
| 5:30pm                     | Praise Team Practice          |
| 7:00pm                     | Choir Rehearsal               |
| <b>Sunday, March 15</b>    |                               |
| 9:00am                     | <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship |
| 10:30am                    | Traditional Worship           |
| 6:00pm                     | Prayer Service                |

## SERMON NOTES

**John 2:13-22**

13 It was time for the annual Passover celebration, and Jesus went to Jerusalem. 14 In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; and he saw moneychangers behind their counters. 15 Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and oxen, scattered the moneychangers’ coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. 16 Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, “Get these things out of here. Don’t turn my Father’s house into a marketplace!”

17 Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: “Passion for God’s house burns within me.”

18 “What right do you have to do these things?” the Jewish leaders demanded. “If you have this authority from God, show us a miraculous sign to prove it.”

19 “All right,” Jesus replied. “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

20 “What!” they exclaimed. “It took forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can do it in three days?” 21 But by “this temple,” Jesus meant his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, the disciples remembered that he had said this. And they believed both Jesus and the Scriptures.

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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 8, 2015

9:00am & 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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**OFFICE MANAGER**  
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