
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Albin Whitworth**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Glory to God* arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir***HYMN #311** *Hallelujah, What a Savior!***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 (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 *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Joel Raney
Chancel Choir
Diane Curtis, Soloist**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Wonderful Father* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Sonatina* Mario 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 Matthew 16:13-16**MESSAGE** *Who is Jesus?* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #324** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross****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 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Shine Jesus Shine*
Refresh My Heart
*Trust in the Lord***PRAYER****OFFERING** *God Is Good All the Time***SPECIAL MUSIC** *People Need the Lord*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 16:13-16**MESSAGE** *Who is Jesus?* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Come Holy Spirit*

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 Milanne and Dave Richards in memory of Walter Scott.**THE MARCH NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.**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. Covenant Partners and friends are invited to participate.**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.**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Articles for the **April** newsletter are due in the church office by **Monday, March 13th**.**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **THIS Monday, March 13th at 10am**.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, March 14th** for Game Morning from **10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry's Bible Study resumes **THIS Wednesday, March 15th**, at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying Psalm 119. All are welcome!**St. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** – Please join us **THIS 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 **THIS 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.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** reconvenes on **NEXT Tuesday, March 21st at 10am**. Our study is "*Everything is Possible with God – Understanding the Six Phases of Faith*". We meet at the home of Sharon and Robert Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The study is about one and a half hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women are invited.**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.**DEACON'S FUND** – **NEXT Sunday, March 19th**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.**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.**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.

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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK
March 12th thru March 19th

<u>Sunday, March 12</u>	Second Sunday in Lent
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, March 13</u>	Newsletter Deadline
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
<u>Tuesday, March 14</u>	
10:00am	Game Morning
1:30pm	Missions Team
<u>Wednesday, March 15</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study
5:30pm	St. Patrick’s Day Dinner & Movie
<u>Thursday, March 16</u>	
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, March 17</u>	
12:00pm	Sociable Singles Lunch-Olympia Restaurant
<u>Sunday, March 19</u>	Third Sunday in Lent
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV)

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

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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

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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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