
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Gavotte* G. F. Handel**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Praise, Praise the Lord* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir***HYMN #12** *Praise Him! Praise Him!***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we have taken Christ's sacrifice too lightly. We see His suffering and death, and we do not want to follow the path that leads to the cross. We do not share Jesus' sorrow for our sin. Grant us your forgiveness and the courage to seek the same mind as Christ Jesus. In His name we pray. *(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 *Oh Holy Spirit, Enter In* J. S. Bach
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Everlasting Life* Randall Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Adagio* John Stanley***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous and gracious Savior, we offer our gifts and our lives in response to the extravagant gift of your redeeming love. With joy and thanks we make this offering, grateful for the privilege of taking part in your salvation story. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 8:12**MESSAGE** *Light* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #606** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Bless Us Now* 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 Ages****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *The Shout of El Shaddai*
His Love Is Strong
*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***PRAYER****OFFERING** *There Is No God Like You***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Sing, Shout Together Children*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** John 8:12**MESSAGE** *Light* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *He Is Good*

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 with Special Needs

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

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 Larrie & Marjorie Tisdale in celebration of Marjorie's birthday.

MARCH NEWSLETTER is available on the handout table and on our website.

*****MARK YOUR 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**

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be held **Tuesday, March 17th**, 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.

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.

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 19th**. 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 19th 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.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – This **Friday, March 20th**, 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELIZABETH DUNN – There will be a Memorial Service for Elizabeth Dunn, our former Office Manager, on **Saturday, March 21st at 10:00am** in the Sanctuary.

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.***

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 23rd**, 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 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.

TENEBRAE SERVICE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd – 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.

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.”

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 15th thru March 22nd

Sunday, March 15	
6:00pm	Prayer Service
Monday, March 16	
2:00pm	Session
Tuesday, March 17	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at Cuzners’
1:00pm	Mission Team
Wednesday, March 18	
10:00am	Bible Study
5:30pm	St. Patrick’s Dinner
Thursday, March 19	
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
Friday, March 20	
5:00pm	Neighbor-to-Neighbor Dinner
Saturday, March 21	
10:00am	Memorial Service for Elizabeth Dunn
Sunday, March 22	
9:00am	New Beginnings Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
3:00pm	C.L.A.S.S. 101
6:00pm	Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

John 8:12

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!



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A Covenant Order
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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 15, 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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