

**10:30am Worship Service**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. Albin Whitworth

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT** *Faithful Is God* Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #309** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we know how easy it is to meet our needs and neglect the needs of others. We walk by people every day who are needy and don't even see them. Even when we do, we would rather walk by than offer a helping hand. Sometimes we deliberately ignore what others need because we're afraid or unwilling to leave our comfort zone. Please forgive us for our selfishness. Help us to see the needs of others and the faith to respond in Jesus' name. *(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** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Gilbert Martin  
Chancel Choir

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RESPONSE** *Wonderful Father* R. P. Curtis

**OFFERTORY** *Andante* Mozart/Schreiner

**\*DOXOLOGY #815**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to You, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:1-5, 14

**MESSAGE** *Where is God?* Pastor Steve Mock

**\*HYMN #328** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**\*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*

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**9:00am New Beginnings Service**

**OPENING SONG** *Heaven Is In My Heart*

**\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord  
Power and Might  
Jesus Draw Me Close*

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING** *Holy Ground*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Speak, O Lord*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:1-5, 14

**MESSAGE** *Where is God?* Pastor Steve Mock

**\*CLOSING SONG** *Surely the Presence*

**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 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 Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale in honor of Marjorie's birthday.

**THE MARCH NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.

**\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE\*\*\***

- **Palm Sunday – April 9 – 9am & 10:30am services**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 13 – 7pm Tenebrae Service**
- **Good Friday – April 14 – 12pm Communion Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 16**
  - **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**

**PRAYERS NEEDED** – We are calling on all members and friends to pray for the property negotiations with Peace River Presbytery, specifically that they would drop a requirement that is preventing a deal from being completed.

**DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY** – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

**WE NEED YOUR PICTURE** – A new picture directory is being put together this month. 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? - BEGINS TOMORROW** - 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.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** reconvenes **THIS 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.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying Psalm 119. All are welcome!

**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 23rd 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 23rd 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.

**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **THIS 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.

**AFTERNOON TEA** – All ladies are invited to an Afternoon Tea **THIS Saturday, March 25th, at 2:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Tea and refreshments will be provided. *Please wear a "hat", gloves are optional. Sign up TODAY.*

**SINGLES MINISTRY – "Sociable Singles"** will meet for dinner the first Friday of each month and for lunch on the third Friday of each month. Our first dinner is **Friday, April 7th, at 5:00pm** at the Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Q restaurant, 2200 Kings Highway. If you would like to carpool, meet us at the church at 4:30pm.

**TENEBRAE SERVICE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH, 7:00PM** – On Maundy Thursday our Choir will present a dramatic work called "*The Shadow*

of the Cross". This service will be filled with familiar music and narration and culminates in a very familiar and reflective song.

**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, APRIL 10th**, so that we can recognize you in the bulletin insert we are publishing.

**LIVING CROSS** – We are requesting flowers for the “living cross” which will be presented Easter morning. Please bring them to church at **8am on Easter Sunday**.

**POTLUCK DINNER & MOVIE** – Plan to attend our next Potluck Dinner on **Wednesday, April 19th, at 5:30pm**. The movie “Risen” will be shown. Please sign up in the church foyer and share the following (last names beginning with):

(A-H) Meat (I-O) Dessert (P-Z) Salad or Vegetable

**“THE STORY OF MOSES” EXCURSION** – Join us for this event to see “The Story of Moses” on **Saturday, April 22nd, 7:00pm**, at Cattlemen’s Arena in Wauchla, FL. The cost is \$22 per person for assigned stadium seating. We will carpool from the church at 5:30pm. *The deadline for sign-up is April 9th.*

**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.”

**PRAYER EMAIL LIST** – If you would like to be on Pastor Steve’s prayer email list, please email Pastor Steve at [steve@fpcpunta.org](mailto:steve@fpcpunta.org).

**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.

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**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**March 19th thru March 26th**

<b><u>Sunday, March 19</u></b>	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<b><u>Monday, March 20</u></b>	
10:00am	Discover your S.H.A.P.E. Class
2:00pm	Session
<b><u>Tuesday, March 21</u></b>	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners
<b><u>Wednesday, March 22</u></b>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<b><u>Thursday, March 23</u></b>	
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
<b><u>Friday, March 24</u></b>	
12:15pm	Mission Team Trip to Immokalee
<b><u>Saturday, March 25</u></b>	
2:30pm	Ladies Afternoon Tea
<b><u>Sunday, March 26</u></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

**SERMON NOTES**

**John 1:1-5, 14 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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



**ECO**

A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

**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*

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2017**

**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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**ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
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