

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hymnus* Alexander von Fielitz

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #43** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and gracious God, You have blessed us with gifts from Your Spirit, gifts to help others and gifts to build Your church. Yet, we have neglected those gifts and even hidden them because of our fears and selfishness. As a result, our church is weaker and our witness ineffective. Please forgive us and help us to use those spiritual gifts to strengthen Your church and mission, to the glory and praise of Your name and to the blessings of all around 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 *I Only Looked Away* Beall/Carter
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Wonderful Father* R. P. Curtis

OFFERTORY *Rondo* Claude Daquin

***DOXOLOGY #815**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, as You have shared life and love with us, lead us to share even more generously our lives and our love. May we know that as we give and share, others come to know You in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to You so that through Your church we might be helpful and generous in love to a world in great need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-5, 13-17

MESSAGE *What Brings Fulfillment?* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #327** *The Old Rugged 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** *You're the Reason We Sing*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Hear Our Praises
Great and Mighty Is He
Cares Chorus*

PRAYER

OFFERING *There Is Joy in the Lord*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lamb of God*
New Beginnings Praise Team

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-5, 13-17

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***CLOSING SONG** *He Knows My Name*

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.
- Pray for the property negotiations with Peace River Presbytery.

Those Who Grieve

- Pray for Joyce Kiskaddon family on the passing of Joyce on March 19th.

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 to the Glory of God.

THE APRIL 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

GATHER FOR PRAYER – Please join others on **Sunday mornings at 10:10am** in the Conference Room to pray for our worship services. Also, 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.

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 **TODAY**, 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 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.

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!

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.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE – A Communion Service will be held on Good Friday, April 14th, at 12:00pm.

SUNRISE SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY – The Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday morning, April 16th, at 7:00am in the east parking lot.

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**.

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. Sign up in the church foyer.

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.*

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, April 28th**. 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.**

FURRY FRIENDS – Our furry friends need your help! In the church foyer there is a green tub where you can put dog and cat food, animal toys and gently used blankets and towels. For questions, ask Randy or Diane Curtis.

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.

SERMON NOTES

John 13:1-5, 13-17 (NIV)

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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



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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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

March 26th thru April 2nd

Sunday, March 26 6:00pm	Fourth Sunday in Lent Prayer Meeting
Monday, March 27 10:00am	Discover your S.H.A.P.E. Class
Tuesday, March 28 10:00am	Game Morning
Wednesday, March 29 10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, March 30 5:30pm 7:00pm	Praise Team Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, April 2 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship Traditional Worship Prayer Meeting

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

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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