
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Concerto No. 2 in G Major* J. S. Bach**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *I Live* Rich Cook
Chancel Choir***HYMN #361** *Worship Christ, the Risen King***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Father, You are so patient with us. You have told us that if we have the faith of a mustard seed, we can move mountains and, yet, even that seems impossible for our doubting hearts. We have seen Your miracles, we have experienced Your work in our lives, and we still question You and hesitate to believe You are always good. Let us not so quickly forget the celebration we had last week and the truth of the resurrection. Give us faith to believe You, Father. Amen. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE***GLORIA PATRI #813*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Brief Statement of Faith (Lines 7-26) *(Unison)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

ANTHEM *We Are One With You, O Lord* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Hatch/Jackson**OFFERTORY** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. J. Conkey***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let the gift of grace, which has been so lavishly given to us, touch our hearts as we give of our gifts. May the needs of others become our needs: their poverty, our poverty; their hunger, our hunger; their longings for a better life, our longings. May we always give in gratitude for the abundance of grace that is ours through the gift of the life of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:3-9**MESSAGE** *Wonderful Joy Ahead* Pastor Larry Yerger***HYMN #461** *In Remembrance***SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN #639** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Into My Heart* Harry D. Clarke

*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 #504000476

9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *How Majestic Is Your Name****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Sunrise, Sunset
Blessed Be the Rock
I Stand in Awe***PRAYER****OFFERING** *He Who Began a Good Work***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Everlasting Arms*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 1:3-9**MESSAGE** *Wonderful Joy Ahead* Pastor Larry Yerger**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*****CLOSING SONG** *Spirit Song*

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.
- Pray for Charlotte County, for revival and renewal as part of Prayers Over Charlotte initiated by the Sunday Night Prayer meeting.
- Pray for Rob and Jennifer Taylor, missionaries to Zambia, that we support.

Those who Grieve

- Pray for Georgia Cherny and family on the loss of her sister, Carol, who went home to the Lord on March 5, 2016.

Those with Special Needs

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| Jerry Julius | Rev. Larry Yerger |
| Vern Wilson | Helen Anderson |
| Kay Callahan | Carol Foster |
| Ella Sifferd | Nancy Beasom |
| Dianne Sizemore | Cara Coletti |
| Cara Gebel | Sharon Russell |
| Shirley Richey | |

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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| 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> | |

*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.**APRIL NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

PRAYER MEETING – 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets **THIS Tuesday, April 5th**. Our study is *Believing God* by Beth Moore. We meet at 10am at the home of Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles. The study is about two hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women are welcome.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Larry is leading a study on Zephaniah **this Wednesday morning at 10am**. The study is open to everyone.

CROSSROADS TRIP – Presbyterian Women have organized a trip to Crossroads **THIS Wednesday, April 6th**, to meet the boys, tour the facilities, and deliver “*Personal Hygiene Kits*”. All are welcome to join us. **We will meet at the church at 10:30am and carpool**. Please sign up in the church foyer.

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, April 7th 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, April 7th 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PICNIC – All women are invited to a picnic on **Saturday, April 9th, 11am**, at Kay Callahan's home (434 Exuma Court in Punta Gorda). Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign up in the church foyer.

RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **NEXT Sunday, April 10th**. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – *Monday, April 11th*, for the May Newsletter.

CHURCH PICNIC WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH – Join us for a picnic at Ponce de Leon Park from 5 – 8pm for food, fun and games. Ham and fried chicken will be served. Please bring a dish to pass, beverage, and table service. Sign up in the church foyer.

DR. RON RAND SEMINAR SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH – Dr. Ron Rand will be our guest speaker on **Sunday, April 10th** and will follow with a free seminar on **Saturday, April 16th, from 9am to Noon**. See the bulletin insert for more information. Please sign up for the Saturday seminar in the church foyer.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee will be **Friday, April 22nd**. We will carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer. Donations of **gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts** can be put in the wicker basket in the church foyer.

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? Are you willing to deliver a meal that someone else has fixed? If so, please call the church office to volunteer.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially supporting the Taylor family in their 2-year commitment in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make checks payable to the church and on the memo line write “Taylor Family.”

CROSSROADS MINISTRY – AMI KIDS Crossroads is in need of operating funds. To donate, please make checks payable to the 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.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments & suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church foyer.

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

April 3 thru April 10

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| <u>Sunday, April 3</u> | |
| 6:00pm | Prayer Meeting |
| <u>Monday, April 4</u> | |
| 10:00am | Fellowship Team |
| 3:30pm | Worship Team |
| <u>Tuesday, April 5</u> | |
| 10:00am | Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners |
| <u>Wednesday, April 6</u> | |
| 10:00am | Bible Study |
| 10:30am | Crossroads Trip |
| <u>Thursday, April 7</u> | |
| 8:00am | R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. |
| 9:30am | Second Cup |
| 5:30pm | Praise Team |
| 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| <u>Saturday, April 9</u> | |
| 11:00am | Presbyterian Women Picnic at home of Kay Callahan |
| <u>Sunday, April 10</u> | |
| 9:00am | <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship |
| 10:30am | Traditional Worship |
| 6:00pm | Prayer Meeting |

SERMON NOTES

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

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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

April 3, 2016

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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