

**10:30am Worship Service**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Marche Heroique* William Stickles

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT** *Praise, Praise the Lord* Jay Althouse  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #297** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, gracious and forbearing: We remember with sorrow how people hailed and welcomed Your Son on the day we have come to call Palm Sunday, and how so many of the same people were there again, just a few days later, shouting "Crucify him!" We confess that we feel a guilty, uneasy kinship with these people. We, too, lack solid, well-thought-out principles against which to test the latest fads or siren calls. We, too, switch our votes in whatever direction self-interest seems to dictate, in order to stay popular or safe. Remind us, O God, of the courage of Jesus, who set His face steadfastly toward Jerusalem, even though He knew the fate that awaited Him there. For His sake, grant us renewal of Your offer of mercy, unearned and undated. *(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** *Hosanna to the King* Lois Myers Emig  
Chancel Choir

**RECEPTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RESPONSE** *All Our Cares* R. P. Curtis

**OFFERTORY** *Sunday's Comin'!* Lloyd Larson  
New Beginnings Praise Team

**\*DOXOLOGY #815**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Hosanna to the Savior! We offer ourselves today in praise and thanksgiving for the One who saves us. Take and bless these gifts as tokens of our very lives, as we follow Jesus on the path to crucifixion and resurrection. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 19:28-40

**MESSAGE** *The Real Deal* Pastor Steve Mock

**\*HYMN #300** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**\*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** *Blessed Be the Rock*

**\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Sing, Shout, Clap Your Hands*  
*Majesty*  
*He's All I Need*

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING** *I Will Exalt Your Name*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Sunday's Comin'!*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

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**\*CLOSING SONG** *Love the Lord*

**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 by Laurel Aumend in memory of her father, Lester Blenman.

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

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

- **Maundy Thursday – April 13 – 7pm Tenebrae Communion 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.

**TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.

**“THE STORY OF MOSES” EXCURSION – Deadline to sign-up is today!** 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.

**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 return your envelope by TOMORROW, April 10th**, so that we can recognize you in the Easter bulletin insert.

**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**.

**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.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **THIS Monday, April 10th at 10am**.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Articles for the May newsletter are due in the church office by **Tomorrow, April 10th**.

**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, April 11th** 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 meets every Wednesday at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying the Book of Romans. All are welcome!

**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

**SINGLES MINISTRY** – “*Sociable Singles*” will meet for lunch on **Friday, April 21st, at 11:00am** at the Charlotte Technical Campus. If you would like to carpool, meet us at the church at 10:30am. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**DEACON’S FUND** – **Sunday, April 23rd**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misi3n Peniel, and others.

**HELPING MISI3N 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

Luke 19:28-40 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup>“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup>“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



### 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

April 9th thru April 16th

<b>Sunday, April 9</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
10:00am	Prayer Shawl
10:00am	Fellowship Team
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	
10:00am	Game Morning
1:30pm	Missions Team
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<b>Thursday, April 13</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm	Tenebrae Service
<b>Friday, April 14</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
12:00pm	Communion Service
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**Palm Sunday**  
April 9, 2017 9:00 am & 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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**ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
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**OFFICE MANAGER**  
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