
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Variations on “CWM Rhonda”* arr. Hal H. Hopson**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Festive Praise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir***HYMN #128** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God***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** 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 *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Someone Who Cares* Randall Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel Schutte
Diane Curtis***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 Luke 20:20-26**MESSAGE** *Allegiance* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #674** *Who Is on the Lord's Side?****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* 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 *Sing, Shout, Clap****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Bless that Wonderful Name*
There is Joy in the Lord
*Cares Chorus***PRAYER****OFFERING** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus***SPECIAL MUSIC** *In Christ Alone*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Luke 20:20-26**MESSAGE** *Allegiance* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Shine Jesus Shine*

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
Larry Mesler	Carol Foster
Fred Tabert	

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 this morning are given to the Glory of God.**APRIL NEWSLETTER** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Today is our monthly collection for the Deacon's Fund which supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Spanish devotionals for Misión Peniel, and others.

PRAYER MEETING – A weekly prayer meeting is being offered on **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 will meet **THIS Tuesday, April 21st**. We are starting a new study on the book of Luke, using *Living with Passion & Purpose* by Elizabeth George as our study guide. The study meets at the home of Robert and Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, and starts at 10am. The study is about 1½ hours long with time for refreshments and fellowship. 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 Daniel. New attendees are always welcome to join us.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – THIS Friday, April 24th, we will carpool from the church at 12:15pm for our Mission Team trip to Immokalee. 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – Mark your calendars for our country's National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 7th**.

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 – Pick up a copy of this booklet of daily devotionals on the back table in the Sanctuary.

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.

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

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."

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 be invited to this page please email Randy at rpc1220@me.com. Live streaming of both services are available on the Church's website homepage by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE. Your comments, thoughts and ideas are also welcome.

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
April 19th thru April 26th

<u>Sunday, April 19</u> 6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, April 20</u> 2:00pm	Session
<u>Tuesday, April 21</u> 10:00am	Women's Bible Study at Cuzners'
<u>Wednesday, April 22</u> 10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, April 23</u> 5:30pm 7:00pm	Praise Team Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, April 24</u> 12:15pm	Mission Trip to Immokalee
<u>Sunday, April 26</u> 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship Traditional Worship Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Luke 20:20-26

20 Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. 21 So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. 22 Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

23 He saw through their duplicity and said to them, 24 "Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

25 He said to them, "Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

26 They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

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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 19, 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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