
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Arioso* Raymond Haan**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Joel Raney
Chancel Choir***HYMN #526** *The Solid Rock***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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* Steve Strite
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Helen H. Lemmel**OFFERTORY** *Sonatina* Jiri A. Benda***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** *“Be Truly Glad”* Pastor Larry Yerger***HYMN #774** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Ken Barker

*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** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *I Will Exalt Your Name*
We’ve Come to Glorify
*Make Me a Servant***PRAYER****OFFERING** *He Will Deliver Me***SPECIAL MUSIC** *God’s Amazing Grace*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 1:3-9**MESSAGE** *“Be Truly Glad”* Pastor Larry Yerger***CLOSING SONG** *How Great You Are*

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 with Special NeedsJerry 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 Joe Brooks***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*
Lorraine Sisson, *Saginaw, MI* John Milligan, *Sandhill Gardens*
Doris Henning, *Sandhill Gardens* Mae Snyder, *Port Charlotte Rehab**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 Helmut and Phyllis Ehrhardt in memory of loved ones.**THE APRIL NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****DEACON’S FUND OFFERING TODAY** – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.**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.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, April 25th** 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. Come join Pastor Larry and friends as we study the Book of Romans. All are welcome!**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **THIS 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.**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 next **dinner is Friday, May 5th, at 5:00pm** at the Bella Napoli restaurant, 1938 Kings Highway. If you would like to carpool, meet us at the church at 4:30pm. Our next **lunch is Friday, May 19th, at 12:00pm** at Scott’s Brewhouse in Fisherman’s Village. No carpooling for this lunch. Please sign up in the church foyer for both events.**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.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments and suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is 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 23rd thru April 30th

Sunday, April 23

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, April 25

10:00am Game Morning

Wednesday, April 26

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, April 27

5:30pm Praise Team
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 28

12:15pm Mission Team Trip to Immokalee

Sunday, April 30

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship
10:30am Traditional Worship
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NLT)

³All 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,⁴ 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,⁵ 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.⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.⁷ 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 honour on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.⁸ 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.⁹ 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 23, 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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