
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Chaconne* Louis Couperin**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Marty Parks
Chancel Choir***HYMN #210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving Spirit, who moves freely and gracefully through this world, transforming and mending broken pieces, we confess that we stumble through life, trying to survive on our own power. We feel paralyzed—numbed by fear, by old habits, by the effort we expend in trying to impress others. We try to earn Your grace through our own awkward endeavors, forgetting that all that we are comes from You. In Your mercy forgive us. Fill us with Your liberating Spirit, that our souls might run, leap, and praise You, so that the entire world would know Your grace and truth. *(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 *Bring It All* Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Helen H. Lemmel**OFFERTORY** *Minuet* W. A. Mozart***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of praise and thanks for Your presence and Your love. We praise You for Your church and its witness and ministry to all. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by Your Spirit and further the ministries of Your church through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-4; 25:7-8**MESSAGE** *“Inna Hurry?”* Pastor Larry Yerger***HYMN #101** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell****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** *Friends in High Places*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*
Sweet Presence of Jesus
*Open Our Eyes Lord***PRAYER****OFFERING** *It Is Well With My Soul***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Crucified In Christ*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 12:1-4; 25:7-8**MESSAGE** *“Inna Hurry?”* Pastor Larry Yerger***CLOSING SONG** *Cry of My Heart*

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 Nancy and Andy Smith in memory of Loved Ones.**THE MAY NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE – STARTING SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, and running through October 15th**, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service **Sundays at 10am**.**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.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets **THIS Tuesday, May 2nd at 10am**. Our study is “*Everything is Possible with God – Understanding the Six Phases of Faith*” by Rick Warren. We meet at the home of Sharon and Robert Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The study is about one and a half hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women are invited.**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!**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, May 4th 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, May 4th at 9:30am** in the Conference Room. Dave Sifferd leads this study of the Book of 1st Peter, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.**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 **THIS 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.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, May 26th**. 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.**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 30th thru May 7th

Sunday, April 30

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Monday, May 1

3:30pm Worship Team

Tuesday, May 2

10:00am Women's Bible Study at the Cuzners

Wednesday, May 3

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, May 4

8:00am R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.

9:30am The Second Cup

5:30pm Praise Team

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 5

5:00pm Sociable Singles

Sunday, May 7

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship

10:30am Traditional Worship

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 12:1-4; 25:7-8 (NLT)

¹The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran...

⁷Abraham lived for 175 years ⁸and he died at a ripe old age, having lived a long and satisfying life. He breathed his last and joined his ancestors in death.

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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 30, 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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