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## 10:30am Worship Service

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Chaconne* Louis Couperin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**INTROIT** *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* Wesley/Elvey  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #1** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

### 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** Taken from the Nicene Creed *(Unison)*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *Celtic Laud* Pamela Martin  
Chancel Choir / Flutist – Sue Mesler / Pianist – Nancy Smith

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**RESPONSE** *Cares Chorus* Kelly Willard

**OFFERTORY** *Pastorale* William Clarke

#### \*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** Galatians 1:11-24

**MESSAGE** *A Question of Authority* Pastor Steve Mock

**\*HYMN #459** *We Remember You (Repeat)*

### 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 #231** *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart*

#### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** *The Bond of Love* Otis Skillings

\*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

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**GATHERING SONG** *Great Is the Lord*

**\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Rock of My Salvation*  
*10,000 Reasons*  
*O I Want To Know You More*

### PRAYER

**OFFERING** *You Shine*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Glory to God Forever*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE** Galatians 1:11-24

**MESSAGE** *A Question of Authority* Pastor Steve Mock

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

**\*CLOSING SONG** *Change My Heart, Oh God*

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## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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### *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 with Special Needs*

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	Myrna Peters

### *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>	

*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.  
Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

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**CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.

**FLOWERS** – The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.

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

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**ROSE** - The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Jack Wilson Shade, first grandson of Debbie and Pete Rostad. Jack was born April 13th to Chris and Kristi Shade of New York, New York.

**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.

**SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE** – Beginning May 29th through September 4th, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service Sundays at 10am.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets THIS Tuesday, May 3rd. 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 the “minor” books in the Bible Wednesday mornings at 10am. The study is open to everyone.

**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 5th 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 5th 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.

**RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel NEXT Sunday, May 8th. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.

**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Friday, May 27th, is our next mission trip to Immokalee. 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](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.

**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.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

May 1 thru May 8

**Sunday, May 1**

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

**Monday, May 2**

3:30pm Worship Team

**Tuesday, May 3**

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

**Wednesday, May 4**

10:00am Bible Study

**Thursday, May 5**

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

**Sunday, May 8**

**MOTHER’S DAY**

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship

10:30am Traditional Worship

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

## SERMON NOTES

### Galatians 1:11-24 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup>I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup>I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. <sup>17</sup>I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. <sup>18</sup>Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. <sup>20</sup>I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. <sup>21</sup>Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup>They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup>And they praised God because of me.

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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*

May 1, 2016

9:00am & 10:30am

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### 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**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
**LITURGIST**  
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