
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Diptych* Robert Hebble
based on "Orientis Partibus"

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Our Song Shall Rise to Thee* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #112** *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our gracious and patient God, we confess that we too often allow our fears to determine what we do and say. We fail to trust Your promises or believe in Your power. We forget that You are greater than any of our fears or problems. Please forgive our lack of faith and remind us that there is nothing in this world that we need to fear for You are always with us. *(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 *Psalms of Quietness* Jack Shrader
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Helen H. Lemmel

OFFERTORY *Andante* G. P. Telemann

DOXOLOGY #815**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear Lord, here and now we bring our gifts to You and to the church. We ask You to receive our gifts for ministry and service. But more, Lord, receive our love, and with our love and Your divine love, may we keep on building Your kingdom here as it is in heaven. In our Master's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-16

MESSAGE *Yahweh Knows Me!* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #462** *Come, Share the Lord*

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 #158** *Think About His Love (Repeat)*

***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

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504065392

9:00am New Beginnings Service

***OPENING SONG** *I Am Somebody*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Great Is the Lord*
Shout to the Lord
Change My Heart, O God

PRAYER

OFFERING *All in All*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come to the Water*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING SONG** *Willing 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 Who Grieve

- Pray for the family of John Milligan who went home to the Lord on April 25th.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender 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* Mae Snyder, *Port Charlotte Rehab*
Doris Henning, *Sandhill Gardens*

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 by Randy and Diane Curtis in honor of Jill's birthday.

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.

CROSSROADS MINISTRY – Crossroads Hope Academy is in need of operating funds for their new phase of ministry. We have been asked to raise \$5,000 by September along with 19 other churches. To make a donation, please use the envelopes on the table in the foyer and make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write "Crossroads."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN MILLIGAN – John's Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 15th, with visitation at 1:00pm, and the service to begin at 2:00pm at Kays-Ponger Funeral Home in Port Charlotte on Harbor Blvd.

GAME MORNING – Join us **THIS Tuesday, May 9th** 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!

RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday, May 14th**. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Articles for the **SUMMER** (June – July – August) newsletter are due in the church office by **Monday, May 15th**.

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 **lunch is Friday, May 19th, at 12:00pm** at Scotty's Brewhouse in Fisherman's Village. No carpooling for this lunch. Please sign up in the church foyer.

BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR CARA COLETTI'S BIRTHDAY ON MAY 20TH – Cara is the young woman, who is in prison, that we have been praying for and supporting with cards of encouragement. If you would like to send her a birthday card, please address it to:

Homestead Correctional Institution
Cara Coletti Y49443
19000 SW 377th Street, Suite 200
Florida City, FL 33034

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, June 23rd**. 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”.

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.

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 139:1-16 (NIV)

¹You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. ⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” ¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

May 7th thru May 14th

Sunday, May 7

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

10:00am Game Morning

1:30pm Mission Team

Wednesday, May 10

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, May 11

5:30pm Praise Team

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 14

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship

10:30am Traditional Worship

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

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May 7, 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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