
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Musette* G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy* Elliott/Moore
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #12** *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

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 *O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord* Angerman/Martin
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Cares Chorus* Kelly Willard

OFFERTORY *Andante* John Stanley

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 Galatians 2:1-10

MESSAGE *Affirmation* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #572** *Blessed Assurance*

***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

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504000476

9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *Friends in High Places*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *I Am Somebody*
Cry of My Heart
How Great You Are

PRAYER

OFFERING *Shepherd of My Soul*

SPECIAL MUSIC *He Put a New Song in My Heart*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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***CLOSING SONG** *Seek Ye First*

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.
- 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
Ken Haun

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* Vern Wilson, *The Palms of Punta Gorda*

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

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ECO FLAG – The ECO flag in the front right of the sanctuary was donated by Rachel Pfaender in honor and memory of her husband, Fred Pfaender, who was a faithful servant of God and covenant partner of our church.

TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.

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.

GAME MORNING – Join us THIS Tuesday, May 10th, for Game Morning from 10am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Come to either play or just to observe.

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.

DEACON'S FUND – NEXT Sunday, May 15th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misi6n Peniel, and others.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Monday, May 16th, is the deadline for submitting articles for the summer newsletter, covering the months of June, July and August.

TREASURES TABLE – The Presbyterian Women want to thank you for your support of our outreach projects by patronizing and donating items to our table of treasures. If you have items to donate, please bring them in and place them **under** the tables in designated boxes. The items will be displayed for one month to six weeks and will then be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's. If you would like to reclaim your donated item, please put a sticker on it saying “return to owner”.

HELPING MISI6N PENIEL – Friday, May 27th, is our next mission trip to Immokalee. We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer. Place donations of **gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts** 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.

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 & suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church foyer.

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
May 8 thru May 15

Sunday, May 8 6:00pm	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Prayer Meeting
Tuesday, May 10 10:00am 3:00pm	Game Morning Mission Team
Wednesday, May 11 10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, May 12 5:30pm	Praise Team
Sunday, May 15 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship Traditional Worship Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Galatians 2:1-10 (NIV)

¹Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. ²I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. ³Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. ⁴This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. ⁵We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. ⁷On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. ⁸For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. ⁹James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

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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 8, 2016 **Mother's Day** **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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