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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Variations on “Duke Street”* arr. Hal H. Hopson**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *God Has Spoken by His Prophets* John Zundel  
Chancel Choir**\*HYMN #8** *Come, Thou Almighty King***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** *We Are Yours Lord* Price/Besig  
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Someone Who Cares* Randall Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Andante* 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** 1 Peter 1:3-5**MESSAGE** *New Birth* Pastor Steve Mock**\*HYMN #788** *Now Thank We All Our God***\*BENEDICTION****\*RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Randall Curtis

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

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*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** *I Am Somebody***\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Rock of Ages  
His Love is Strong  
Change My Heart, O God***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Friends in High Places***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Favorite Song of All*  
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 1:3-5**MESSAGE** *New Birth* Pastor Steve Mock**\*CLOSING SONG** *You Shine*

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**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.
- The family of CCSO Sgt. Michael Wilson who was killed in the line of duty August 5, 2013 and the law enforcement officers who daily put their lives on the line for us.

***Those Who Grieve:***

- Please pray for Elaine Schultz and family on the loss of her husband, Bill on April 26th.

***Those with Special Needs***Betty Stroth Doris Henning  
Helmut Ehrhardt Paul & Arlene Gebel  
Joyce Kiskaddon Rev. Larry Yerger  
Kay Callahan Ella Sifferd  
Jerry & Nancy Julius Rob & Jennifer Taylor & family  
Larry Mesler Carol Foster  
Fred Tabert***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***Sarah Ferry, *Rosie’s Adult Family Care* Dorothy Blue, *Harbor Terrace*  
Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*  
Esther Wheeler, *Life Care Center* Lorraine Sisson, *Shattuck Manor*  
*\*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.***MAY NEWSLETTER*** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES*****ROSE*** – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Tuff McWilliams, 17th great-grandchild of Dianne Sizemore. Tuff was born May 4th to Davey and Amanda McWilliams of Myakka City.***TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY*** – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.***PRAYER MEETING*** – A weekly prayer meeting is being offered on **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 31st through September 6th**, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service on **Sundays at 10am**.***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*** – Articles for the **summer** issue (June – August) are due in the church office **TOMORROW, Monday, May 11th**.***BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG*** – Participate in a Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger every **Wednesday at 10am**. Our current study is the Book of Daniel. New attendees are always welcome to join us.***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 be meeting at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at **8:00am this Thursday, May 14th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.***NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR*** – **This Friday, May 15th**, FPCPG will serve a free meal for people who need food assistance from 5–7pm. We need volunteers to help serve, greet the people, and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up in the church entrance.***DEACON’S FUND NEXT SUNDAY*** – **Sunday, May 17th** is our monthly collection for the Deacon’s Fund, which supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Spanish devotionals for Misión Peniel, and others.***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY*** will meet **Tuesday, May 19th**. The spring/summer session is based on the Book of Luke, using *Living with Passion & Purpose* by Elizabeth George as our study guide. The study meets at the home of Robert and Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, and starts at 10am. The study is about 1½ hours long with time for refreshments and fellowship. All women of the church are welcome.***HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL*** – The migrants are in need of GENTLY USED BLANKETS, SHEETS AND TOWELS. They also need LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS AND REGULAR SHIRTS. Please put donations in the wicker basket in the church entrance. If you would like to volunteer to help with serving the meal at Misión Peniel, talk to Dianne Sizemore. The next Mission Team trip to Immokalee will be **Friday, May 22nd**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm.***MISSIONARY SUPPORT*** – We are financially helping to support Rob and Jennifer Taylor and their four children in their 2-year commitment to the mission field in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make your check out to the church and in the memo line enter “Taylor Family.” Thanks - your Mission Team.

**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** – Pick up a copy of this booklet of daily devotionals on the back table in the Sanctuary.

**THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM** requests your comments & suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church entrance.

**TREASURES TABLE** – Presbyterian Women are planning to donate several items from the Treasures Table to St. Vincent de Paul very soon, so please visit the table in the Fellowship Hall now.

**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.**

**AMI KIDS CROSSROADS** – Crossroads is in need of operating funds. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write “Crossroads.”

**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 be invited to this page please email Randy at [rpc1220@me.com](mailto:rpc1220@me.com). Live streaming of both services are available on the Church's website homepage by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE. Your comments, thoughts and ideas are also welcome.

**FLOWERS** – May be funded for the **cost of \$37**. To make a donation, sign up at the sign-up table in the church lobby. If the flowers are in honor and/or in memory of something or someone, please put that on the sign-up sheet.

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**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**  
May 10th thru May 17th

<b>Sunday, May 10</b> 6:00pm	<b>HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY</b> Prayer Meeting
<b>Monday, May 11</b> 10:00am	Fellowship Team
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b> 10:00am	Bible Study
<b>Thursday, May 14</b> 8:00am 5:30pm 7:00pm	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. Praise Team Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, May 15</b> 5:00pm	Neighbor to Neighbor Dinner
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	New Beginnings Worship Traditional Worship Prayer Meeting

## SERMON NOTES

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

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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*

**May 10, 2015**

**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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