
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sanctus* Charles Gounod
Organ/Piano Duet
Donovan Curtis and Randall Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Faithful Is God* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #128** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that it is easy for us to blame others for our mistakes or problems. We live in a world that encourages a victim mentality. Too often we demand our rights rather than humbly submit to Your will. Too often we fail to take responsibility for our words and actions. We hurt others and then say that it isn't our fault or that we can't help ourselves. Please forgive us and help us live honest and responsible lives to the glory of Your Son Jesus. (*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 *If We Will Seek the Lord* Don Besig
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Through It All* Andrae Crouch

OFFERTORY *My Mother, My Daughter* Janice Kapp Perry
Mother/Daughter Duet – Diane and Jill Curtis

***DOXOLOGY #815**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 2:18-21

MESSAGE *A Mother's Sacrifice* Pastor Steve Mock

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

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *Fourfold Amen* John Stainer

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Bless the Lord O My Soul*
New Beginnings Praise Team

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Here I Am*
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Find Me in the River

PRAYER

OFFERING *Blessed Assurance*

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Mother, My Daughter*
Duet – Diane and Jill Curtis

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 2:18-21

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***CLOSING SONG** *He Is Good*

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.

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

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given by David and Sandra Raak Milligan in memory of John Milligan.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE – STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, and running through October 15th, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service **Sundays at 10am**.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN MILLIGAN – John's Memorial Service will be held **TOMORROW, 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.

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

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."

TURKEY & NOODLES DINNER - Join us on **Wednesday, May 24th, at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall for a Turkey & Noodles Dinner. A representative from the Punta Gorda Veterans Village will be speaking. Gail Thornton is our Chef for the evening. The cost is \$5.00. Please sign up in the church foyer.

PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Are now available in the church foyer.

SOUND & TECH BOOTH OPERATOR HELP – If you would like to help out once in awhile on Sunday mornings, please call the church office. Training will be provided.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets **THIS Tuesday, May 16th 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 18th at 8:00am**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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 **THIS 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.

Also – join us on **Thursday, June 15th, for "A Day at The Ringling in Sarasota"**. Information can be found on the sign up table, or you can talk with Jean LaMantia.

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

DEACON'S FUND – **NEXT Sunday, May 21st**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

SUPPORT THE “PUNTA GORDA VETERANS VILLAGE” ON TAYLOR ROAD – Information about the Veterans Village and a suggested list of donations are found by the green basket in the church foyer.

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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

May 14th thru May 21st

Sunday, May 14	HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday, May 15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Tuesday, May 16	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners
Wednesday, May 17	
10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, May 18	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
Friday, May 19	
12:00pm	Sociable Singles
Sunday, May 21	
10:00am	Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

1 Samuel 1:21-28; 2:18-21 (NIV)

²¹When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, ²²Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.” ²³“Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him. ²⁴After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. ²⁵When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. ²⁷I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.” And he worshiped the Lord there.

¹⁸But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.” Then they would go home. ²¹And the Lord was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.

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... in our understanding Jesus’ and God’s purposes for us through Bible study, and developing our ministries to serve God and others

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... into God’s world with His message of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, and with His ministries of compassion and mercy

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ECO’S VISION

... to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ

May 14, 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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