
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Hal H. Hopson**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Rejoice the Lord Is King* Charles Wesley
Chancel Choir***HYMN #90** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***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 *Great Is the Lord* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Helen H. Lemmel**OFFERTORY** *Larghetto* William Boyce***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 Matthew 19:3-12**MESSAGE** *Marriage Under Attack* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #733** *Once to Every Man and Nation****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Danish

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

9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *Shout of El Shaddai****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Jesus We Love You
Here I Am to Worship
Father I Adore You***PRAYER****OFFERING** *He Will Deliver Me***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Blessed Be Your Name*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 19:3-12**MESSAGE** *Marriage Under Attack* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Make Me a Servant*

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, <i>Rosie's Adult Family Care</i>	Dorothy Blue, <i>Harbor Terrace</i>
Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Esther Wheeler, <i>Life Care Center</i>	Lorraine Sisson, <i>Shattuck Manor, MI</i>

**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 are given this morning by Kay Callahan in honor of Kenny's birthday.***MAY NEWSLETTER*** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES*****DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY*** – Today 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.***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**.***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY*** will meet **this 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.***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.***HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – This Friday, May 22nd***, we will carpool from the church at 12:15pm for our Mission Team trip to Immokalee. 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.***NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR*** – On **Friday, June 19th**, 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.***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.***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. 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. 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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK
May 17th thru May 24th

<u>Sunday, May 17</u> 6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, May 18</u> 2:00pm	Session
<u>Tuesday, May 19</u> 10:00am	Women's Bible Study at Cuzners
<u>Wednesday, May 20</u> 10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, May 21</u> 6:00pm	Praise Team
<u>Friday, May 22</u> 12:15pm	Mission Team Trip to Immokalee
<u>Sunday, May 24</u> 9:00am	New Beginnings Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 19:3-12 (The Message)

3 One day the Pharisees were badgering him: “Is it legal for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?”

4 He answered, “Haven’t you read in your Bible that the Creator originally made man and woman for each other, male and female? 5 And because of this, a man leaves father and mother and is firmly bonded to his wife, becoming one flesh—no longer two bodies but one. 6 Because God created this organic union of the two sexes, no one should desecrate his art by cutting them apart.”

7 They shot back in rebuttal, “If that’s so, why did Moses give instructions for divorce papers and divorce procedures?”

8 Jesus said, “Moses provided for divorce as a concession to your hardheartedness, but it is not part of God’s original plan. 9 I’m holding you to the original plan, and holding you liable for adultery if you divorce your faithful wife and then marry someone else. I make an exception in cases where the spouse has committed adultery.”

10 Jesus’ disciples objected, “If those are the terms of marriage, we’re stuck. Why get married?”

11 But Jesus said, “Not everyone is mature enough to live a married life. It requires a certain aptitude and grace. Marriage isn’t for everyone. 12 Some, from birth seemingly, never give marriage a thought. Others never get asked—or accepted. And some decide not to get married for kingdom reasons. But if you’re capable of growing into the largeness of marriage, do it.”

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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 17, 2015

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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