
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Sortie on “National Hymn”* arr. Lani Smith**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *We Have Come to Join in Worship* William Moore
Chancel Choir***HYMN #809** *God of Our Fathers***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Our gracious and loving God, we live in a great land where many have sacrificed their lives to defend and protect our freedom and liberty. It is too easy for us to forget this price they paid so we may enjoy the lives we have and to worship you freely. Please forgive us when we fail to remember their deaths for our country. Help us this Memorial Day weekend to remember their sacrifice and to pray for their families. *(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 *Creation Will Be at Peace* Williams/Page
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Helen H. Lemmel**OFFERTORY** *Minuet in G* Ludwig van Beethoven***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thanks be to you, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**MESSAGE** *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?* Pastor Larry***HYMN #804 (Verses 1, 2, 3, 4)** *Battle Hymn of the Republic****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 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *The River Is Here
Shout to the Lord
Find Me in the River***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Cry of My Heart***SPECIAL MUSIC** *America*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**MESSAGE** *Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?* Pastor Larry***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 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 Joan Hoffman in memory of George Hoffman.***MAY NEWSLETTER*** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 25th in honor of Memorial Day.

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE – Beginning **NEXT SUNDAY, May 31st, through September 6th**, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service on **Sundays at 10am**.

BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG – Participate in a Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger every **Wednesday at 10am**. We are finishing our study of the Book of Daniel.

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 28th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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? Would you be willing to deliver a meal that someone else has fixed? Please use the sign up sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please speak to Kay Callahan, our deacon of this ministry.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet **Tuesday, June 9th**. Our study this spring is the Gospel of Luke. We are using a study guide by Elizabeth George - *Living with Passion and Purpose*. 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 fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome. We will meet June 9th and 23rd and will then resume the third Tuesday in September.

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.

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.

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 24th thru May 31st

<u>Sunday, May 24</u> 6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, May 25</u>	MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Wednesday, May 27</u> 10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, May 28</u> 8:00am 6:00pm	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. Praise Team
<u>Sunday, May 31</u> 10:00am 6:00pm	SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE Worship Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (KJV)

- 1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

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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 24, 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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