

10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *CMW Rhondda* arr. Hal H. Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #293** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Prayer for Our Time* Joseph Martin
Jubilee Singers

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING *Offertorium* Gordon Young

***RESPONSE #815** *Doxology*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Generous God, You have been so bountiful with us, and we thank You for the chance to be generous as well. You have given us the beauty of this earth and taught us to be good stewards. You have brought us to faith and given us companions who have helped us along the way. Most of all, You have given us Your Son. We praise You for all Your blessings, and ask that we may learn to respond by sharing our blessings with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #542** *My Life Is in You, Lord*

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:14-15; John 8:31-32; 14:1-6

MESSAGE *Arbeit macht frei...NICHT!* Pastor Larry Yerger

***HYMN #433** *Rise Up, O Church of God*

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #123** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (vs. 4)*

*Please stand, if able

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 service

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 member of our congregation.

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 with Special Needs:

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Rev. Larry Yerger
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.

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

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Rex and Helen Anderson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 28th.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER WORSHIP – Through **October 15th**, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service on **Sundays at 10am**.

GATHER FOR PRAYER – Please join others on **Sunday mornings at 9:40am** in the Conference Room to pray for our worship service. Also, **a prayer meeting is held Sunday evenings at 6pm** in the Conference Room.

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 DATE WE'VE RAISED \$2,367. To donate, please use the envelopes on the table in the foyer, make checks to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write "Crossroads."

VETERANS VILLAGE – Please take time to write a thank you note to a Veteran living in Veterans Village in Punta Gorda. Thank You Cards are located in the church foyer on the same table as the monthly newsletters. Also, please continue to place donated items in the green basket in the church foyer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Larry’s Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome as we study the Book of Romans.

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) - meets at Sky View Café at the PG Airport **THIS Thursday, June 29th at 8:00am.** Come for food and fellowship.

SINGLES MINISTRY – Please sign up in the church foyer for these “*Sociable Singles*” events:

Friday, July 7th, 5:00pm – Dinner at Leroy’s Southern Kitchen, Punta Gorda. No Carpool.

Friday, July 21st, 12:00pm – Lunch at The Fishery, Placida, Carpool leaves at 11:00am.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, July 28th.** We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer.

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.

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.**

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially supporting two missionary families through Antioch Partners. The Eric Stone family is 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”.

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.

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 COMING WEEK

June 25th thru July 2nd

Sunday, June 25	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday, June 27	
10:00am	Game Morning
Wednesday, June 28	
10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, June 29	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
Sunday, July 2	
10:00am	Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

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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

June 25, 2017

10:00am

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