

**10:00am Worship Service**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*March*

G. F. Handel

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

*Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*

**PRAAYER OF ADORATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*  
Debbie Rostad, Soloist

Abraham Kaplan

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

*Larghetto*

William Boyce

**\*RESPONSE #815**

*Doxology*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Unison*)

**Lord God, You give us so much love. You fill us with abundance and mercy. Your gifts to us are constant and numerous. Now we bring to You our dollars and our talents. We bring to You our love and our skills. We bring to You our devotion and our time. Take all that we offer and use them for ministry and service. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*PRAISE SONG #339**

*By His Grace*

**SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 5:1-12

**MESSAGE**

*Freedom*

Pastor Steve Mock

**\*HYMN #568**

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior (Vss. 1 thru 5)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Alleluia*

\*Please stand, if able

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

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504000476

***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 new denomination 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 Rob and Jennifer Taylor, missionaries to Zambia, that we support.

***Those who Grieve***

- Pray for the family of Mary Ondersma, who went home to the Lord on July 9, 2016.
- Pray for Thomas Richey and family on the loss of his wife, Shirley, who went home to the Lord on July 13, 2016.

***Those with Special Needs:***

Jerry Julius	Kay Callahan	Rev. Larry Yerger
Helen Anderson	Ella Sifferd	Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore	Nancy Beasom	Cara Gebel
Cara Coletti	Mae Snyder	Jean Hinman
Ken Haun	Donna Peterson	

***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Lorraine Sisson, <i>Saginaw, MI</i>	John Milligan, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	Vern Wilson, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</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 this morning are given by Anne Swift in loving memory of her mother, Lillian Payne.

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

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

***PRAYER MEETING*** – 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 community.

***NEW: EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP*** – "Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss will be the focus of our study. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the church from 7-8:30pm, **beginning August 23rd**. Are you interested? Please sign up in the church foyer.

***NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MINISTRY*** – Our RED "Welcome Bags" are in the church foyer waiting for you to deliver to a new neighbor in your neighborhood.

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*** – Articles for the September newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, August 15th.

**GAME MORNINGS** – Join us **EVERY Tuesday this summer** for Game Mornings from **10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry is leading a study on the “minor” books in the Bible **Wednesday mornings at 10am**. The study is open to everyone.

**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is on **Friday, August 26th**. We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office 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? Are you willing to deliver a meal that someone else has fixed? If so, please call the church office to volunteer.

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT** – We are financially supporting the Taylor family in their 2-year commitment in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make your checks payable to the church and on the memo line write “Taylor Family.”

**CROSSROADS MINISTRY** – AMI KIDS Crossroads is in need of operating funds. To donate, please make checks payable to the church and on the memo line write “Crossroads.”

**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.**

**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** – This booklet of daily devotionals is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

**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.

**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.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

July 31st thru August 7th

**Sunday, July 31**

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

**Tuesday, August 2**

10:00am Game Morning

**Wednesday, August 3**

10:00am Bible Study

**Sunday, August 7**

10:00am Worship

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!*



# ECO

A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

#### 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*

July 31, 2016

10:00am

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**PASTOR**  
**ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
**USHERS**

*Rev. Steve Mock*  
*Rev. Larry Yerger*  
*Randall Curtis*  
*Debbie Rostad*  
*Nancy Murphy, Mary Anne Washabaugh,*  
*Sharon Russell, Diane Truby*