

10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. A. Whitworth

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #56** *To God Be the Glory*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Robert Wadsworth Lowry
Robert and Carolyn Hansman

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Adagio* John Stanley

*DOXOLOGY #815

*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.

***HYMN #684** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

SCRIPTURE Luke 5:17-26

MESSAGE *Can I Get A Witness: Big Heart, Big Jesus* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #436** *Freely, Freely*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #704** *God Will Make a Way*

*Please stand, if able

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

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #502319310

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 live in this area, permanently or seasonally, we invite you to join hands in ministry with us by becoming a member of our congregation.

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

FLOWERS – Flowers are given by Laurel Aumend in memory of her father, Eugene Aumend.

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 Rob & Jennifer Taylor, missionaries to Zambia, that we support.

Those who Grieve:

- Family and friends of Sarah Ferry who went home to the Lord on July 27th, at the age of 101.

Those with Special Needs:

Betty Stroth	Larry Mesler	Rev. Larry Yerger
Helmut Ehrhardt	Fred Tabert	Ella Sifferd
Joyce Kiskaddon	Doris Henning	Rob Taylor & family
Kay Callahan	Paul & Arlene Gebel	Carol Foster
Jerry & Nancy Julius	Dianne Sizemore	Helen Anderson

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Dorothy Blue, <i>Harbor Terrace</i>
Esther Wheeler, <i>Life Care Center</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – Throughout August we will be collecting school supplies for Sallie Jones Elementary. A bin is in the church entrance for your donations.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Articles for the September newsletter are due in the church office by **TOMORROW**, August 10th.

BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG – Rev. Larry Yerger is leading an intensive study on the Book of Ezekiel **Wednesday mornings at 10am**. The study is open to everyone.

DEACON'S FUND – **NEXT Sunday, August 16th**, is our monthly collection to support our efforts for congregation and emergency needs, Neighbor to Neighbor Dinners, Misión Peniel, and others.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – On **Friday, August 21st**, we will serve a free meal from 5-7pm for people who need food assistance. You may volunteer to help serve, greet people, or clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up in the church entrance.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – **Our next trip will be Friday, August 28th**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm. Contact Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer. If you have

donations of *gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts*, please put them in the wicker basket in the church entrance.

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 use the sign up sheet in the church entryway.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially helping support 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 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 him at steve@fpcpunta.org.

OUR DAILY BREAD – This daily devotional is available 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.

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. To make a donation, sign up in the church entryway. You may list the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

August 9th thru August 16th

Sunday, August 9

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

10:00am Bible Study

Sunday, August 16

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

August 9, 2015

10:00am

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