

10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

Gene Clarke

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #210

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rock of Ages, Forgiven and Free
New Beginnings Praise Team

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Follow the Way of the Lord
New Beginnings Praise Team

*RESPONSE #815

Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord, we come giving these tithes and offerings as an expression of our thankfulness for all the blessings we have from You. We dedicate them to the work and ministry of Your church so that others may know the joy of Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*PRAISE SONG

Cry of My Heart

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 45:1-15

MESSAGE

God's Plans

Pastor Steve Mock

*HYMN #537

He Who Began a Good Work in You (repeat)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #232

God Be With You (vs. 1)

*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.

Those Who Grieve

- Pray for Connie Diller and family on the passing of Connie's mother Marjorie on August 6th.

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	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 are given by Gail Thornton in loving memory of her mother, Grace Herwig.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

NEW COVENANT PARTNERS – We welcome these new Covenant Partners today – Bill and Sonja Dosse, Tom and Carol Kerr, and Carol Zutter.

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. Come and be a part of what God's Spirit is doing.

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 Hebrews.

SINGLES MINISTRY – Sign up for these upcoming "Sociable Singles" events: **Friday, September 1st, 5:00pm** at LongHorn Steakhouse, Pt. Charlotte. Carpool leaves at 4:30pm.

Friday, September 15th, 11:45am at Mary Margaret's Tea, Arcadia. Carpool leaves at 10:45am.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY reconvenes **Tuesday, September 19th at 10am**. Our study is "*The Armor of God*" by Patricia Shirer. We will meet at the home of Sharon and

Robert Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, PGI on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The study is about 1 1/2 hours long with time for discussion and fellowship. All women are invited.

CROSSROADS MINISTRY – Area churches have been asked to help Crossroads Ministry by raising \$5,000 by September. TO DATE WE’VE RAISED \$3,547.00. To donate, make checks payable to FPC 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. Place donated items in the green basket in the church foyer.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL –Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, September 22nd**. We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer.

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”.

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.

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

August 27th thru September 3rd

Sunday, August 27

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, August 29

10:00am Game Morning

Wednesday, August 30

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, August 31

5:30pm Praise Team

Friday, September 1

5:00pm Singles Ministry

Sunday, September 3

10:00am Worship

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



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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

August 27, 2017

10:00am

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