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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT** *At the Name of Jesus* Noel/Mountain Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #112** *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that it is easy for us to blame others for our mistakes or problems. We live in a world that encourages a victim mentality. Too often we demand our rights rather than humbly submit to Your will. Too often we fail to take responsibility for our words and actions. We hurt others and then say that it isn't our fault or that we can't help ourselves. Please forgive us and help us live honest and responsible lives to the glory of Your Son Jesus. *(Silent Confession)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE****\*GLORIA PATRI #813**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The First Creed Ephesians 4:4-7 NKJV *(Unison)*  
There is One Body, and One Spirit, even as we are called in One Hope of our calling — One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in all. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *Jesu, Blessed Jesu* Gordon Young Chancel Choir

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RESPONSE** *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Wesley

**OFFERTORY** *Sonatina* Jiri Abenda

**\*DOXOLOGY #815****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Jonah 1

**MESSAGE** *Jonah: A Tale of Sin and Grace* Pastor Steve Mock Chapter 1

**\*HYMN #724** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Danish

\*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 10:30am service*

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**9:00am New Beginnings Service**

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**GATHERING SONG** *Awesome God*

**\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Here I Am  
Shout to the Lord  
Think About His Love*

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING** *You Are My All in All*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Lord, I Believe in You*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

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**\*CLOSING SONG** *In All Things Give Him Thanks*

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**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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***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:***

- Please pray for Sharon Russell and family on the loss of her husband, Richard Beck, on August 26th.

***Those with Special Needs***

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

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

Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Dorothy Blue, *Harbor Terrace*  
Ester Wheeler, *Life Care Center* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*  
Lorraine Sisson, *Shattuck Manor, MI*

*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.*

*Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

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

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given this morning by Marguerite O'Brien, in memory of her husband, John O'Brien.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER** is available on the handout table and on our website. *Articles for the October newsletter are due Monday, September 14th.*

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**ROSE** – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Audrianna Lee Villa, great-great-granddaughter of Gail Thornton. Audrianna was born September 3rd to Andrea and Zues Villa.

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

**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 and community.

**SMALL GROUPS** – We enjoyed our Summer Small Groups! NOW, let's get signed up for fall. Gatherings start in October and continue through December, meeting monthly. Pastor Larry is preparing devotionals highlighting the holidays and how they relate to God's church. Please sign up on the sheet in the church entrance. Questions? Call Georgia Cherny at 575-2186.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will reconvene on **Tuesday, September 15th**. Our fall study will continue with the study of Luke (chapters 10 and 11) - *Living with Passion & Purpose* by Elizabeth George, taken from her *A Woman After God's Own Heart* series. The study meets at the home of Robert and Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, and begins at 10am. The study is about 1½ hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome.

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

**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 meet at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at **8:00am THIS Thursday, September 17th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

**DEACON'S FUND – NEXT Sunday, September 20th**, is our monthly collection to support our efforts for congregation and emergency needs, Neighbor to Neighbor Dinners, Misión Peniel, and others.

**POT LUCK SUPPER** – On **Wednesday, September 30th**, you are invited to a "Welcome Back" Pot Luck Supper and Movie ("Giants") at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please share the following (last names beginning with):

(A-H) Meat

(I-Q) Salad or Vegetable

(R-Z) Dessert

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** – Our collection of school supplies for Sallie Jones Elementary continues through September.

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR** – On **Friday, September 18th**, 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** – **Join us Friday, September 25th**, for our mission trip to Immokalee. We will carpool 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 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 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."

**BETTY STROTH TURNS 90 ON SEPTEMBER 22nd** – To wish Betty a Happy Birthday, please send a card to her daughter's address: Susan Stroth Wizner, 721 Rockbridge Rd SW, Lilburn, GA 30047. For more details, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

**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.

**THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM** requests your comments & suggestions for our activities. An "idea box" is on the sign-up table in the church entrance.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Special Music is available in an mp3 format by emailing Randy at [rpc1220@me.com](mailto: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](http://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.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

September 13th thru September 20th

**Sunday, September 13**

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

**Monday, September 14**

3:30pm

Worship Team  
Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, September 15**

10:00am

Women's Bible Study @ Cuzner's

**Wednesday, September 16**

10:00am

Bible Study

**Thursday, September 17**

8:00am

R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.

5:30pm

Praise Team

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, September 18**

5:00pm

Neighbor to Neighbor Dinner

**Sunday, September 20**

9:00am

New Beginnings Worship

10:30am

Traditional Worship

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

## SERMON NOTES

Jonah 1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup>"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

<sup>3</sup>But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.

<sup>5</sup>All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. <sup>6</sup>The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."

<sup>7</sup>Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" <sup>9</sup>He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

<sup>10</sup>This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.) <sup>11</sup>The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" <sup>12</sup>"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

<sup>13</sup>Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. <sup>14</sup>Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased."

<sup>15</sup>Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. <sup>16</sup>At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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**LOVING...**

*... God and others through worship and fellowship*

**GROWING...**

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**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!**

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*... to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ*

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September 13, 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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