
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Toccata* J. Pachelbel**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Jesus Loves Even Me* John W. Peterson
Chancel Choir***HYMN #1** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy Father, You know our thoughts and actions. You know how we give into the temptation to react without thinking; to respond quickly with anger that can damage relationships and hurt others. You tell us not to sin in our anger, yet we have said unkind words or acted in hurtful ways towards others. Please forgive our lack of self-control. May we depend more on Your Spirit to control our emotions. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE***GLORIA PATRI #813*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed *(Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM *Glory in the Lord* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *O Lord, You're Beautiful* Keith Green**OFFERTORY** *Voluntary* George Green***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we thank You for all the blessings we enjoy from Your hand. We dedicate these tithes and offerings to You and to the work of Your church. Multiply them so that Your kingdom of love will continue to grow in this church, our community and throughout the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:4**MESSAGE** *By Faith - Abel* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #435** *God of Grace and God of Glory****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.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504000476

9:00am New Beginnings Service

OPENING SONG *Glory to the Lamb****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Sweet Presence of Jesus*
I Give You My Heart
*Change My Heart, O God***PRAYER****OFFERING** *You Shine***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Be Strong in the Lord*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:4**MESSAGE** *By Faith - Abel* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Glorify Thy Name*

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 Rob and Jennifer Taylor, missionaries to Zambia, that we support.
- Those who Grieve***
- Pray for Mary Kimberly and family on the loss of her husband, Carl, who went home to the Lord on August 23, 2016.

Those with Special Needs

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

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 Marguerite O'Brien in memory of her husband John J. O'Brien.**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY** – Our monthly collection which supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.**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.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** resumes **THIS Tuesday, September 20th at 10am.** We will start a six-week study called "*Glory Days – Living Your Promised Land Life Now*" by Max Lucado. This study helps us to understand that we were made for more – we were made for *Glory Days*. We meet at the home of Sharon and Robert Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles. The study is about one and a half hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women are invited.**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry is leading a study on the Book of Confessions that both declares and teaches what we believe. The study meets at the church on **Wednesday mornings at 10am** and 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 **THIS Thursday, September 22nd at 8:00am.** Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **THIS Friday, September 23rd.** We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church to volunteer. Place donations of **gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts** in the wicker basket in the church foyer.**FELLOWSHIP WELCOME BACK DINNER – OCTOBER 26TH** – Save this date to join us for a potluck dinner on Wednesday, October 26th, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Mr. Cary Price, organist from Fletcher Music. Please sign up in the church foyer and share the following (last names beginning with):

(A-H) Meat (I-O) Salad or Vegetable (P-Z) Dessert

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.**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MINISTRY** – Our RED "Welcome Bags" are in the church foyer waiting for you to deliver to a new neighbor in your neighborhood.**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. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian 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.****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.

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.

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.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments and suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is in the church foyer.

TREASURES TABLE – Visit the Presbyterian Women’s Priceless Treasures table in 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 \$37.50**. 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 WEEK

September 18th thru September 25th

Sunday, September 18

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

Monday, September 19

2:00pm

Session

Tuesday, September 20

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners

Wednesday, September 21

10:00am

Bible Study

Thursday, September 22

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 23

12:15pm

Mission Team Trip to Immokalee

Sunday, September 18

9:00am

New Beginnings Worship

10:30am

Traditional Worship

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 11:4 (NIV)

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

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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

September 18, 2016

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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