

10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. by Carol Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #45** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

HYMN #634 *More Love to Thee*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. by Carol Tornquist

***RESPONSE #815** *Doxology*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

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.

***PRAISE SONG #48** *Mighty Is Our God*

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 8:1-6

MESSAGE *Jesus as Lord* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #34** *He is Lord (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.
- Pray for those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Those with Special Needs:

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Rev. Larry Yerger
Helen Anderson	Ella Sifferd	Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore	Nancy Beasom	Joe Cherny
Cara Coletti	Ken Haun	Joe Brooks
Helmut Ehrhardt	Richard Hill	

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>	Mae Snyder, <i>Port Charlotte Rehab</i>
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	

Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.

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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer.

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Debbie Rostad in honor of her parents.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GUEST ORGANIST TODAY – We welcome Debbie Rostad as our guest organist/pianist.

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

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 – Please sign up in the church foyer for these “Sociable Singles” events: **Friday, October 6th, 5:00pm** at The Captain’s Table, Fishermen’s Village, PG. No carpool.

Friday, October 20th, 12:00pm at the Elks Club, Punta Gorda. No carpool.

SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, October 25th, 4:30pm – Church Picnic at Bayshore Live Oak Park in Charlotte Harbor.

CROSSROADS MINISTRY – THANK YOU! We have reached our goal of \$5,000 to support Crossroads Hope Academy. Thank you for your generosity.

SHOEBOXES NEEDED – To prepare for our annual holiday Shoebox Gifting outreach ministry, please bring in *empty* shoeboxes or plastic bins that others may use to fill with goodies for the children of Misión Peniel. Collection dates are **November 5th through December 17th**.

VETERANS VILLAGE – Please take time to write a thank you note to a Veteran living in Veterans Village in Punta Gorda. You may place donated items in the green 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? Or 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.

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.**

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL –Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, December 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”.

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

September 24th thru October 1st

<u>Sunday, September 24</u>	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Tuesday, September 26</u>	
10:00am	Game Morning
<u>Wednesday, September 27</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, September 28</u>	
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Sunday, October 1</u>	
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

September 24, 2017

10:00am

PASTOR	Rev. Steve Mock
ASSISTANT PASTOR	Rev. Larry Yerger
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Randall Curtis
OFFICE MANAGER	Debbie Rostad
USHERS	Diane Culver-Truby, Nancy Murphy, Sharon Russell, Jean LaMantia