
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Praeludium and Fuga* J. S. Bach**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* Wesley/Elvey
Chancel Choir***HYMN #33** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer: we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived selfishly. We have refused to shoulder the troubles of others, and turned from our neighbors. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in Your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*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 *Offertory* John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Wesley**OFFERTORY** *Sinfonia* J. S. Bach***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 3**MESSAGE** *Jonah: A Tale of Sin and Grace* Pastor Steve Mock
*Chapter 3****HYMN #352** *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus****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.

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #502319310

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

9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *Bless That Wonderful Name****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*
The Heart of Worship
*Trust in the Lord***PRAYER****OFFERING** *God Is Good All the Time***SPECIAL MUSIC** *I Love You, Lord*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Jonah 3**MESSAGE** *Jonah: A Tale of Sin and Grace* Pastor Steve Mock
*Chapter 3****CLOSING SONG** *He is Good*

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 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 NeedsJerry & Nancy Julius Rev. Larry Yerger
Helmut Ehrhardt Fred Tabert
Kay Callahan Paul & Arlene Gebel
Ella Sifferd Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore Rob Taylor & family
Joan Milligan Helen Anderson***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Dorothy Blue, *Harbor Terrace*
Esther 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.*

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given this morning to the Glory of God by Larrie & Marjorie Tisdale, in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on October 3rd.**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****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.**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!!!** Starting on **Wednesday, October 14th**, and continuing through Wednesday, November 11th, we will again have Wonderful Wednesday Bible Studies. All studies begin at 6pm at FPC with dessert and fellowship and will be about one hour in length, finishing around 7:30pm. We are offering three choices to enrich your faith. Each study includes video and discussion.*If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat*, led by Pastor Larry Yerger.*How to Become a Contagious Christian*, led by Pastor Steve Mock
Everything Is Possible with God, led by Elder Sharon Cuzner

To participate, choose a study and signup in the church entrance.

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.**POT LUCK SUPPER – THIS Wednesday, September 30th**, you are invited to a “Welcome Back” Pot Luck Supper and Movie “*Facing the 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**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)** - meets at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at 8:00am **THIS Thursday, October 1st**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**FPC’s 120th ANNIVERSARY** – Our church celebrates its 120th anniversary this October. Join us in worship on **Sunday, October 18th**, to commemorate this milestone in our history. A luncheon will be served following the second service.**LOOK!** – Another opportunity to serve. We need leaders for our Small Group Ministry. The next series of Small Groups will meet once a month from October through January. Sign up to be a leader in the church entrance or call Georgia Cherny. Don’t let this pass you by – step out of the boat!**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** – **Next Sunday** will be your last opportunity to donate school supplies to Sallie Jones Elementary. Thank you for this support.**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR** – On **Friday, October 16th**, 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, October 23rd**, for our next 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.”

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.

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. 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.

SERMON NOTES

Jonah 3 (NIV)

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ⁶When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

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



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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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

September 27th thru October 4th

Sunday, September 27

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

10:00am

Bible Study

5:30pm

Welcome Back Pot Luck Dinner & Movie

Thursday, October 1

8:00am

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

5:30pm

Praise Team

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 4

9:00am

New Beginnings Worship

10:30am

Traditional Worship

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

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September 27, 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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