

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee, O Christ* arr. Albin Whitworth

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* Robert Lowry
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #12** *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

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 *Shepherd Me, O God* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Learning to Lean* John Stallings

OFFERTORY *Praeludium* Gordon Young

*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 Colossians 1:3-8

MESSAGE *The Gospel in Us* Rev. Steve Mock

***HYMN #429** *They'll Know We Are Christians*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Randall Curtis

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

9:00am New Beginnings Service

***GATHERING SONG** *Bless That Wonderful Name*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *My Life Is in You Lord
Trust in the Lord
Refresh My Heart Lord*

PRAYER

OFFERING *In All Things*

SPECIAL MUSIC *He Will Be My God*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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***CLOSING SONG** *God Is Good All the Time*

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.
- The family of CCSO Sgt. Michael Wilson who was killed in the line of duty August 5, 2013 and the law enforcement officers who daily put their lives on the line for us.

Those Who Grieve

Those with Special Needs

Betty Stroth	Fred & Rachel Pfaender
Helmut Ehrhardt	Paul & Arlene Gebel
Joyce Kiskaddon	Rev. Larry Yerger
Adelaide Hauck	Ella Sifferd
Jerry & Nancy Julius	Rob & Jennifer Taylor & family
Kay Callahan	Doris Henning

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Sarah Ferry, <i>Rosie's Adult Family Care</i>	Dorothy Blue, <i>Harbor Terrace</i>
Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>

Esther Wheeler, *Life Care Center*

**Please keep the office updated concerning your requests. Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your cell phone.

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God.

PRAYER SERVICE – A weekly prayer service is being offered on **Sunday evenings at 6:00pm** in the Conference Room. Come and share in this experience of God's people praying together.

BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG – Participate in a Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger every **Wednesday at 10am** involving in-depth discussions on a variety of Biblical topics and their relationship to current affairs. We are currently studying the Early Church in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. New attendees are always welcome to join us.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will continue on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the home of Sharon & Robert Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande, Punta Gorda Isles and starts at 10am. Our current study is called "Soul Keeping" by John Ortberg and is about 2 hours, with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome. Our next study is **October 7th**.

LANGDON THEATRE – We are offering an excursion to the Langdon Theatre in Port Charlotte (near Sam's Club) on **Friday, October 24th** to see the show "Cemetery Club." We hear this play is a hoot! The show is \$14 and begins at 7pm. Sign up in the church entrance if you'd like to join us.

HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE IN ORLANDO – We are considering a trip to Holy Land in Orlando in January or February. The cost is \$75, which includes the bus and admission; it's \$50 to rent a scooter. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entrance for those interested (this is to give us an estimate of how many would like to go).

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

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially helping to support Rob and Jennifer Taylor and their four children in their 2-year commitment to the mission field in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make your check out to the church and in the memo line enter "Taylor Family." Thanks- your Mission Team.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – The migrants are in need of GENTLY USED BLANKETS, SHEETS AND TOWELS. They also need LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS AND REGULAR SHIRTS. Please put donations in the wicker basket in the church entrance. If you would like to volunteer on a Friday afternoon to help with serving the meal at Misión Peniel, talk to Dianne Sizemore. Our next trip will be on **Friday, October 3rd**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm. Please let Dianne know if you are going by Monday, September 29th.

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.**

AMI KIDS CROSSROADS – 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."

COFFEE CAKES - The Mission Team is having a final sale on the Butter Braid Coffee Cakes for \$5 each. There are 3 varieties left: Bavarian Cream, Apple, & Cream Cheese. Get yours today!

OUR DAILY BREAD – Pick up a copy of this booklet of daily devotionals 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 be invited to this page please email Randy at rpc1220@me.com. Live streaming of both services are available on the Church's website homepage by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE: www.fpcpunta.org. Your comments, thoughts and ideas are also welcome.

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Steve’s prayer email list, please email Pastor Steve at steve@fpcpunta.org.

FLOWERS – May be funded for the **cost of \$37**. To make a donation, sign up at the sign-up table in the church lobby. If the flowers are in honor and/or in memory of something or someone, please put that on the sign-up sheet.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK
September 28th thru October 5th

Sunday, September 28	
6:00pm	Prayer Service
Wednesday, October 1	
10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, October 2	
10:00am	Fellowship Meeting
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 3	
12:15pm	Mission Team Trip to Immokalee
Sunday, October 5	
9:00am	New Beginnings Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Colossians 1:3-8 (NIV)

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

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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

September 28, 2014

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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