

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sonatina* Jiri Antonin Benda

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord* Will L. Thompson
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #128** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we live in a world that is increasingly rude. Authority is questioned, laws ignored and parents dishonored. It seems like our world is increasingly becoming uncivil. We must confess that we, too, fall victim of these attitudes at times. We demand our rights and put our desires before respect. Please forgive us and help us to follow Jesus' example of humility and grace. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***GLORIA PATRI #813**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Theological Declaration of Barmen from the
Book of Confessions of ECO

We confess...Jesus Christ...is the one Word of God, which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death...as Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. Amen.

ANTHEM *Give Me Jesus with Jesus Paid it All* Hojun Lee
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Robert Cull

OFFERTORY *String Sonata* Arcangelo Corelli

***DOXOLOGY #815**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we present our offerings and ourselves to you this morning as an expression of our love and commitment to your church. We dedicate them with the desire that they empower your church to continue the work of building your kingdom in Jesus' name. We pray in His name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:1-3, 14-15

MESSAGE *Joshua's Proposal* Rev. Larry Yerger

***HYMN #460** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***HYMN #231** *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Hearts*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *Go in Peace* 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** *Every Move I Make*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Great and Mighty
Shine Jesus Shine
Jesus Draw Me Close*

PRAYER

OFFERING *Holy Ground*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Faithful God*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING SONG** *Love You So Much*

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, *Rosie's Adult Family Care* Dorothy Blue, *Harbor Terrace*

Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

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 mobile devices.

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given by Phyllis Richardson in honor of her husband, Ed's birthday on October 9th and their October 7th wedding anniversary.

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.

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 this Tuesday, **October 7th**.

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.

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 be meeting at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at 8:00am this **Thursday, October 9th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

RICE & PINTO BEAN SUNDAY – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday**. Please place your items in the wicker basket or tall container in the church entrance.

BLOOD PRESSURES – Will be taken next Sunday from 9:45am to 10:45am in the Conference Room.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – On **Friday, October 17th**, FPCPG will serve a free meal for people who need food assistance from 5 – 7pm. We need volunteers to help serve, greet the people, and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up in the church entrance.

THANKSGIVING GIFTING – Donations for Charlotte County families will begin October 19th and continue through November 16th. Special envelopes are in the church entrance.

THE SECOND CUP (of coffee) – You're invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group on Thursday mornings every other week in Fellowship Hall beginning **October 23rd at 9am**. Dave Sifferd will lead this study of the Old and New Testaments, using the NIV Bible as our textbook. Bring a friend and come and join us on Thursday mornings for a Second Cup.

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.

FLU CLINIC – The Visiting Nurse Association will hold a flu shot clinic here on **Monday, October 27th from 9:30 – 11:30am**. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available.

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).

COFFEE CAKES - The Mission Team is having a final sale on the Butter Braid Coffee Cakes for \$5 each. There are 2 varieties left: Apple & Cream Cheese. Get yours today!

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments & suggestions for our

activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church entrance.

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.

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.

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.”

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
October 5th thru October 12th

Sunday, October 5	
6:00pm	Prayer Service
Monday, October 6	
3:30pm	Worship Team
Tuesday, October 7	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study @ Cuzner’s
Wednesday, October 8	
10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, October 9	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. @ Sky View Café, Punta Gorda Airport
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 11	
9:00am	Presbytery of Florida (ECO), Palm City, FL
Sunday, October 12	
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
9:45am – 10:45am	Blood Pressures Checked
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-15 (NLT)

1 Then Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, including their elders, leaders, judges, and officers. So they came and presented themselves to God.

2 Joshua said to the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods. 3 But I took your ancestor Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan. I gave him many descendants through his son Isaac.

14 “So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. 15 But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.”

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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

October 5, 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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