
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Lead On, O King Eternal* Henry Smart**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Revive Us Again* Mackay/Husband
Chancel Choir***HYMN #8** *Come, Thou Almighty King***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and just God, You have poured out grace and mercy upon us through Your Son, Jesus. You are a forgiving and loving God. And yet, we tend to hold onto our anger and bitterness. We are slow to forgive those who have wronged or hurt us. We are tempted to get revenge or seek to even the score. Please forgive us for forgetting how much You've forgiven us and for our unforgiving attitudes. Help us to follow Jesus' example who on the cross forgave His executioners. *(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** *In His Time* Diane Ball**OFFERTORY** *Minuetto* Conrad Herlebusch***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O gracious Lord, Your generosity knows no limits. You bless us with more than we need. Thank You for Your love and care – for Your provision and blessings – for Your promises and faithfulness. We dedicate our tithes and offerings to You and ask that they be used to bring glory to You and blessings to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:8-10**MESSAGE** *By Faith - Abraham* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #592** *Jesus Calls Us****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Anon.

*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 *Rock of My Salvation****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *I Am Somebody*
He Is Good
*Come, Now is the Time to Worship***PRAYER****OFFERING** *His Strength is Perfect***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Isn't He Good*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:8-10**MESSAGE** *By Faith - Abraham* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *In His 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 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, that we support.
- Those who Grieve***
- Pray for Jene Shafer and family on the loss of her son, Dick, who went home to the Lord on October 1, 2016.

Those with Special NeedsJerry 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 Gary Moody
Rachel Pfaender***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*
Lorraine Sisson, *Saginaw, MI* John Milligan, *Sandhill Gardens*
Doris Henning, *Sandhill Gardens* Vern Wilson, *The Palms of Punta Gorda*

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 David and Sandra Milligan in memory of Joan Milligan.**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.**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.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – On Sunday, October 30th at 3pm, Pastor Steve Mock will be holding C.L.A.S.S. 101, *Becoming a Covenant Partner*. Anyone interested in becoming a member/covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church is invited to attend this seminar. Please sign up in the church foyer.**NEWSLETTER BIRTHDAY ADDITION** – Please add birthday greetings for Jean LaMantia on October 12th! We missed listing her name in the recent newsletter.**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – Prayer Shawl Gathering meets **THIS Monday, October 10th at 10am**. If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, October 11th** for Game Morning from 10am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.**EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP** – Meets **THIS Tuesday, October 11th, from 7-8:30pm**. "Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss is the focus of our study. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the church. All women are invited.**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Class is canceled for this Wednesday, October 12th. We will resume on October 19th.**DEACON'S FUND** – NEXT Sunday, October 16th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.**THANKSGIVING GIFTING** – Donations for Charlotte County families will begin NEXT Sunday, October 16th and continue through November 13th. Special envelopes are in the church foyer or you can use a pew envelope.**FELLOWSHIP WELCOME BACK DINNER – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH** – 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

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, October 28th**. 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.**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. The dates for this year's collection are **November 6th through December 11th**.**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.**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
October 9th thru October 16th

Sunday, October 9	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday, October 10	
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
Tuesday, October 11	
10:00am	Game Morning
1:30pm	Missions Team
7:00pm	Women's Bible Study at Church
Thursday, October 13	
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 16	
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 11:8-10 (NIV)

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

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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 9, 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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