
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Prelude in E minor* J. S. Bach**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Festive Praise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir***HYMN #169** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart***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**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 *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Cindy Berry
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *All Our Cares* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Sonatina* Muzio Clementi***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 Matthew 8:1-4**MESSAGE** *The Touch of Restoration* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #505** *He Touched Me****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* R. P. Curtis

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

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9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *Every Move I Make****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *There is Joy in the Lord*
Hear Our Praises
*He Knows My Name***PRAYER****OFFERING** *God Will Make a Way***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Home (The Arms of God)*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 8:1-4**MESSAGE** *The Touch of Restoration* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *The Love of Christ*

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

- Pray for Bonnie Brown whose father went home to the Lord on September 12th, 2015.
- Pray for John Milligan and family on the passing of his wife, Joan Milligan, on October 4th, 2015.

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
Helen Anderson Nancy Beasom***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.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service***CELL PHONES*** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.***FLOWERS*** – The flowers this morning are given by Anne Swift, in memory of her dad, Craig Payne.***OCTOBER NEWSLETTER*** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES*****TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY*** – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.***LAST CHANCE!*** – Who can pass up this chance to join with a group of 8 from the congregation to enjoy a meaningful devotion, great food and growing friendships? Today is your last chance to sign up on the list in the foyer. Please come and be part of building faith and church family. Fall Festival – Dinners for 8 – Small Groups meet monthly on a day chosen by group moderators and members. Questions: call Pastor Larry, Georgia Cherny, or the church office. See you there!***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.***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TOMORROW*** – Please submit articles for the November newsletter by Monday, October 12th.***WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!!!*** Starting **THIS 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 foyer.

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.***FPC's 120th ANNIVERSARY*** – Join us in worship **NEXT Sunday, October 18th**, to commemorate this milestone in our history. A luncheon will be served following the second service. Please sign up in the church foyer.***DEACONS FUND SUNDAY*** – **NEXT Sunday, October 18th**, is our monthly collection to support our efforts for congregation and emergency needs, Neighbor to Neighbor Dinners, Misi3n Peniel, and others.***THANKSGIVING GIFTING*** – Donations for Charlotte County families will begin **NEXT Sunday, October 18th** and continue through November 22nd. Special envelopes are in the church foyer or you can use a pew envelope.***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 meet at Sky View Caf3 at the Punta Gorda Airport at 8:00am **THIS Thursday, October 15th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.***NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR*** – **THIS 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 foyer.***HELPING MISI3N 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 foyer.***THE NAV-A-GATOR'S PEACE RIVER WILDERNESS LUNCH CRUISE*** – Join us on **Friday, November 13th**, at The Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina for lunch at 11:15am and cruise at 1:00pm. Cost is \$37.00 per person. Sign up in the church foyer. For more information, visit www.nav-a-gator.com.

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 foyer.

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.”

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.”

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 foyer.

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.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the **cost of \$37**. 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 11th thru October 18th

Sunday, October 11	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday, October 12	
10:00am	Newsletter Deadline
10:00am	Fellowship Team
	Prayer Shawl
Tuesday, October 13	
3:00pm	Mission Team
Wednesday, October 14	
10:00am	Bible Study
6:00pm	Wonderful Wednesdays
Thursday, October 15	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 16	
5:00pm	Neighbor to Neighbor Dinner
Sunday, October 18	
9:00am	FPC’s 120th Anniversary
10:30am	New Beginnings Worship
11:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Anniversary Luncheon
	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 8:1-4 (NIV)

¹When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. ²A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” ³Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. ⁴Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

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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 11, 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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