

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Allegro* arr. Hal Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

INTROIT *Jesus Is All the World to Me* Will L. Thompson
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #63** *All Creatures of Our God and 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** From the *Second Helvetic Confession*

Only one church for all times. And since there is always but one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, Jesus the Messiah, and one Shepherd of the whole flock, one Head of this body, and, to conclude, one Spirit, one salvation, one faith, one Testament or covenant, it necessarily follows that there is only one Church. The catholic church. We, therefore, call this Church catholic because it is universal, scattered through all parts of the world, and extended unto all times, and is not limited to any times or places.

ANTHEM *Lord, Lead Us On* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Robert Cull

OFFERTORY *Voluntary* John Zundel

*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 Genesis 9:8-19; Matthew 26:26-30

MESSAGE *Covenant – From Noah to Jesus* Rev. Larry Yerger

***HYMN #353** *Victory in Jesus*

*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** *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Sunrise, Sunset*
Hear Our Praises
Cares Chorus

PRAYER

OFFERING *Surely the Presence*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Heavenly Father*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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***CLOSING SONG** *I Stand in Awe of You*

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

- Pray for Pastor Steve & Joanie Mock and family. Steve's mother, Jeanne Mock, went home to the Lord October 4th after a full, rich life.

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, <i>Life Care Center</i>	

**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.

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

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given by Bonnie Brown in memory of her husband, Robert Brown.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Articles for the November newsletter are due in the church office **Monday, October 13th**.

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 doing a DVD-based study on prayer by Jim Cymbala. New attendees are always welcome to join us.

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 – We will begin our Thanksgiving Offering campaign **Sunday, October 19th and continue through November 16th**. Special envelopes can be found in the church entrance. Monies collected will be used to provide a bountiful Thanksgiving to the hungry of Charlotte County through St. Vincent de Paul.

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 21st**.

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 – All the tickets for the play "Cemetery Club" at the Langdon Theatre in Port Charlotte on **Friday, October 24th at 7pm** have been sold. If you signed up to go, please submit your payment of \$14 to the church office. Your ticket will be available at the theater box office the night of the play.

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 12th thru October 19th

Sunday, October 12	
9:45am – 10:45am	Blood Pressures Checked
6:00pm	Prayer Service
Monday, October 13	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
Tuesday, October 14	
3:00pm	Mission Team Meeting
Wednesday, October 15	
10:00am	Bible Study
Thursday, October 16	
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 17	
5:00 – 7:00pm	Neighbor-to-Neighbor FREE Dinner
Sunday, October 19	
9:00am	New Beginnings Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 9:8-19 Then God told Noah and his sons, “I am making a covenant with you and your descendants, and with the animals you brought with you – all these birds and livestock and wild animals. I solemnly promise never to send another flood to kill all living creatures and destroy the earth.” And God said, “I am giving you a sign as evidence of my eternal covenant with you and all living creatures. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my permanent promise to you and to all the earth. When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will be seen in the clouds, and I will remember my covenant with you and with everything that lives. Never again will there be a flood that will destroy all life. When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.” Then God said to Noah, “Yes, this is the sign of my covenant with all the creatures of the earth.”

Matthew 26:26-30 As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked Gods blessing on it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take it and eat it, for this is my body.” And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which seals the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words - I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.” Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

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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 12, 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.

PASTOR	Rev. Steve Mock
ASSISTANT PASTOR	Rev. Larry Yerger
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Randall Curtis
OFFICE MANAGER	Elizabeth Dunn
PARISH NURSE	Debbie Carney
LITURGIST	Georgia Cherny
USHERS	Kay Callahan, Barbara Ryan Art Koon, Pat Patterson