
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Festival Toccata* Percy Fletcher

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, it is so hard to live holy lives in this unholy world. We see immorality and dishonesty all around us. It's easy to be influenced by what we read and see. Please forgive us when we minimize living holy lives. Forgive us when we allow impurity to enter into our lives. Cleanse us by Your Spirit and create in us clean hearts, O God. *(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 *Lord, Lead Us On* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

CELEBRATING OUR 120th ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY

***HYMN #415** *We Are Called to be God's People*

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Come Now, We Pray* R. P. Curtis

OFFERTORY *Allegro* J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY #815**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts, O God, as testimonies of our love for You and our desire to serve You. Let these offerings be an affirmation that we are bound to one another as Your people. In Your generous name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 8:14-16

MESSAGE *The Touch of Healing* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #711** *Rise and Be Healed*

*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 *Sing, Shout, Clap Your Hands*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *How Majestic Is Your Name*
Blessed Be the Rock
Cares Chorus

PRAYER

OFFERING *We've Come to Glorify*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Down to the River to Pray*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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

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 Needs

Jerry & 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, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Dorothy Blue, <i>Harbor Terrace</i>
Esther Wheeler, <i>Life Care Center</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Lorraine Sisson, <i>Shattuck Manor, MI</i>	

*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 Bonnie Brown, in memory of her father, Thomas DeMann.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER is available on the handout table and on our website.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

DEACONS FUND OFFERING TODAY – our monthly collection which supports our efforts to help congregation needs, Neighbor to Neighbor Dinners, emergency needs, Mision Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

FPC's 120TH ANNIVERSARY – Join us **TODAY** for lunch following the second service to celebrate our church's anniversary!

THANKSGIVING GIFTING – Donations for Charlotte County families begin today and continue through November 22nd. Special envelopes are in your bulletin as well as in the church foyer.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets **THIS Tuesday, October 20th**. We continue with the study of Luke - *Living with Passion & Purpose* by Elizabeth George, taken from her *A Woman After God's Own Heart* series. The study meets at the home of Robert and Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, and begins at 10am. The study is about 1½ hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome.

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.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JOAN MILLIGAN – **Next Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm**, a funeral service will be held in the Sanctuary for Joan Milligan. Viewing will begin at 1:00pm. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

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 29th at 9:30am**. Dave Sifferd will lead this study of the Book of Acts, using the NIV Bible as our textbook. Bring a friend and come and join us on Thursday mornings for a Second Cup.

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.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee will be **Friday, October 23rd**. 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.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – **Friday, November 20th**, 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.

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 18th thru October 25th

Sunday, October 18
11:30am
6:00pm
FPC's 120TH ANNIVERSARY
Anniversary Luncheon
Prayer Meeting

Monday, October 19
2:00pm
Session

Tuesday, October 20
10:00am
Women's Bible Study at the Cuzners

Wednesday, October 21
10:00am
Bible Study

Thursday, October 22
5:30pm
7:00pm
Praise Team
Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 23
12:15pm
Mission Team Trip to Immokalee

Sunday, October 25
9:00am
10:30am
2:00pm
6:00pm
New Beginnings Worship
Traditional Worship
Funeral Service for Joan Milligan
Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 8:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. ¹⁵He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him. ¹⁶When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

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Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!



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A Covenant Order
of Evangelical
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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 18, 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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