
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Andante* W. A. Mozart**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Halle, Halle, Halle* Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir***HYMN #43** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer: we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves. We have refused to shoulder the troubles of others, and turned from our neighbors. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in Your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(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 *Assurance* John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Come Now, We Pray* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Voluntary* W. A. Mozart***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 9:27-31**MESSAGE** *The Touch of Vision* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #563** *Open My Eyes That I May See****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.
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #502319310

9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *Sunrise, Sunset****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
I Give You My Heart
*He's All I Need***PRAYER****OFFERING** *I Will Exalt Your Name***SPECIAL MUSIC** *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 9:27-31**MESSAGE** *The Touch of Vision* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Love the Lord*

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, *Saginaw, MI*

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 Carolyn Hansman, in memory of Lowell and Eric Kvam.**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JOAN MILLIGAN – TODAY 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.**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.**BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG** – Pastor Larry is leading a study on the Book of Ezekiel **Wednesday mornings at 10am**. The study is open to everyone.**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 Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at 8:00am **THIS Thursday, October 29th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**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 **THIS Thursday, 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.**TOWN HALL MEETING** – Covenant partners and friends; please plan on attending a very important Town Hall Meeting on **Sunday, November 8th** at 11:30am to review the proposed 2016 budget.**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 by Friday, November 6th*, in the church foyer. For more information, visit their website at www.nav-a-gator.com.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – On **Sunday, November 15th at 2pm**, 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.**FPC'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK** – If you would like a copy of our church's history book, please sign up for one in the church foyer.**THANKSGIVING GIFTING** – Donations for Charlotte County families continue through November 22nd. Special envelopes are in in the church foyer or you may use a pew envelope.**SHOEBOX GIFTING FOR MISIÓN PENIEL** – Fill a shoebox for the children at Misión Peniel. The shoeboxes will be collected until **Sunday, December 13th**. A list of suggested items is in the church foyer. Mark the box "boy" or "girl" and the age on it. Do not wrap it, as we may add items to each box.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee will be **in December on Friday the 18th**, when we will deliver the *Shoobox Gifts* we collect. 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.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets in **November on Tuesdays, the 3rd and 17th**. 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 are welcome.

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.**

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.

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.

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 9:27-31 (NIV)

²⁷As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” ²⁸When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. ²⁹Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; ³⁰and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this.” ³¹But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

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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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

October 25th thru November 1st

Sunday, October 25

2:00pm

Funeral Service for Joan Milligan

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, October 28

10:00am

Bible Study

Thursday, October 29

8:00am

*R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.

9:30am

Second Cup

5:30pm

Praise Team

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1

9:00am

Daylight Savings Time Ends

New Beginnings Worship

10:30am

Traditional Worship

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

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October 25, 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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