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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Trompette Prelude* James D. Kimball**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *There Is Power in the Blood* Lewis E. Jones  
Chancel Choir**\*HYMN #21** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and generous God, we confess that too often we take for granted all the blessings we've received from Your loving hand. We demand our rights or feel others owe us. This spirit of entitlement forgets our total dependence upon You for everything. Please forgive us and help us to be thankful for all we have and for Your care and love. *(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** *Speak, O Lord* arr. Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Hatch/Jackson**OFFERTORY** *Sarabande* G. F. Handel**\*DOXOLOGY #815****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God, You give us so much love. You fill us with abundance and mercy. Your gifts to us are constant and numerous. Now we bring to You our dollars and our talents. We bring to You our love and our skills. We bring to You our devotion and our time. Take all of this and take all of us and dedicate us and our gifts to ministry and service. In the name of Jesus Christ, we offer all now. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:17-19**MESSAGE** *By Faith – Abraham & Isaac* Pastor Steve Mock**\*HYMN #816** *We Give Thee But Thine Own***\*BENEDICTION****\*RESPONSE** *Sevenfold Amen* John Stainer

\*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*

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**9:00am New Beginnings Service**

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**OPENING SONG** *Shout of El Shaddai***\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Forever*  
*Shout to the Lord*  
*Think About His Love***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Give Thanks***SPECIAL MUSIC** *He Reigns*  
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:17-19**MESSAGE** *By Faith – Abraham & Isaac* Pastor Steve Mock**\*CLOSING SONG** *Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb*

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**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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***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.
  - Pray for Edie Moody and family on the passing of her husband, Gary, who went home to the Lord on October 6, 2016.

***Those with Special Needs***

Jerry Julius	Rev. Larry Yerger
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson
Ella Sifferd	Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore	Nancy Beasom
Cara Gebel	Cara Coletti
Mae Snyder	Donna Peterson
Ken Haun	Anna Belle DeBlauw
Phyllis Ehrhardt	Vern Wilson

***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Lorraine Sisson, <i>Saginaw, MI</i>	John Milligan, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	

*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.  
Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

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**CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.**FLOWERS** – The flowers this morning are given by Arlene Gebel in memory of her husband, Paul.**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****THANKSGIVING GIFTING** – Donations for Charlotte County families **continue through November 13th**. Special envelopes are available on the table in the foyer or you may use a pew envelope.**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – TODAY 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 or just wanting to know more about our church is invited to attend this seminar. Please sign up 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.**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH** – Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5th.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets **THIS Tuesday, November 1st at 10am**. Our study is "*Glory Days – Living Your Promised Land Life Now*" by Max Lucado, helping us to understand that we were made for more – we were made for *Glory Days*. We meet at the home of Sharon and Robert Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles. The study is about one and a half hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women are invited.**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry leads a Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 10am** at the church. All are welcome and we urge you to join in learning about God's Word and how it applies to our lives today.**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 **THIS Thursday, November 3rd at 8:00am**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**2017 PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY** - On **Sunday, November 13th**, we will offer our 2017 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church.**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, November 13th at 11:30am** to elect new elders and a nominating committee for 2017. Please plan on attending.**SHOEBOX GIFTING FOR MISIÓN PENIEL** – Fill a shoebox for the children at Misión Peniel. The shoeboxes will be collected until **Sunday, December 11th**. 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 will add items to each box.**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, December 23rd**. 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.**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

October 30th thru November 6th

**Sunday, October 30**

3:00pm

C.L.A.S.S. 101

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

**Tuesday, November 1**

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners

**Wednesday, November 2**

10:00am

Bible Study

**Thursday, November 3**

8:00am

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

5:30pm

Praise Team

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, November 6**

9:00am

*Daylight Savings Time Ends*

*New Beginnings Worship*

10:30am

Traditional Worship

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

## SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, <sup>18</sup>even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”

<sup>19</sup>Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



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A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

### 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 30, 2016

9:00am & 10:30am

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### 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**  
**ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

Rev. Steve Mock  
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Don Washabaugh  
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Jean LaMantia, Nancy Murphy