
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Adagio in G Minor* Albinoni & Giazotto**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Our Great Savior* Chapman/Harkness
Chancel Choir***HYMN #45** *Crown Him with Many Crowns***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 Apostles' Creed *(Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Everlasting Life* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *All Praise to Thee, My God* Paul Manz***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 Matthew 17:5-7**MESSAGE** *The Touch of Comfort* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #462** *Come, Share the Lord***SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN #710** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Bless Us Now* 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 *Sweet Presence of Jesus****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Glory to the Lamb
The Heart of Worship
Find Me in the River***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Make Me a Servant***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Jesus Will Still Be There*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 17:5-7**MESSAGE** *The Touch of Comfort* Pastor Steve Mock**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*****CLOSING SONG** *O, I Want to Know You More*

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 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.*

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 Ron & Nancy Beasom, in celebration of Nancy's Birthday.***NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER*** is available in the foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES*****GUEST ORGANIST*** – We welcome as our guest organist/pianist today our office manager Debbie Rostad.***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.***TOWN HALL MEETING*** – Covenant partners and friends; please plan on attending a very important Town Hall Meeting **NEXT Sunday, November 8th at 11:30am** to review the proposed 2016 budget. A light lunch will be served before the meeting. Please sign up in the church foyer.***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY*** meets **THIS Tuesday, November 3rd, at 10am**. 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.***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.***THE NAV-A-GATOR'S PEACE RIVER WILDERNESS LUNCH CRUISE*** – **Sign up by THIS Friday, November 6th**, in the church foyer to 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. For more information, visit their website at www.nav-a-gator.com.***RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY*** – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday, November 8th**. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.***2016 PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY*** - On **Sunday, November 15th**, we will offer our 2016 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 15th at 11:30am** to elect new elders, deacons and a nominating committee for 2016. Please plan on attending.***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. Please sign up in the church foyer.***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 **Friday, December 18th**, when we will deliver the **Shoebbox Gifts**. We will carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer. Donations of **gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts** can be put 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 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.”

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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

November 1st thru November 8th

<u>Sunday, November 1</u> 6:00pm	All Saints’ Day Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, November 2</u> 3:30pm	Worship Team
<u>Tuesday, November 3</u> 10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners
<u>Wednesday, November 4</u> 10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, November 5</u> 5:30pm 7:00pm	Praise Team Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, November 6</u> 6:00pm	Session Retreat
<u>Saturday, November 7</u> 9:30am	Session Retreat
<u>Sunday, November 8</u> 9:00am 10:30am 11:30am 6:00pm	New Beginnings Worship Traditional Worship Town Hall Meeting Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 17:5-7 (NIV)

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”

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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

November 1, 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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