

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *If Thou But Suffer God* arr. Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *O How I Love Jesus* Traditional Am. Melody
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #21** (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it is easy for us to complain when life doesn't go our way or when someone does something we don't like. We are good at pointing out the mistakes of others and finding fault with many things in our world. Just like the Israelites in the wilderness, we grumble and gripe. In doing so, we dishonor You and hurt others. Please forgive us and may we show more love and understanding to others. May we show greater appreciation to You and be more grateful for all Your blessings. (*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, Here I Am* John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Lord, Here We Are* Randall Curtis

OFFERTORY *It Was for You* Don Wyrzten

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, accept these gifts as signs of our desire to serve you. Make our offerings to be instruments of peace and grace in the world. Use them to heal the sick, and to bring comfort to the brokenhearted, comfort for the afflicted, justice for the oppressed and good news to all. And let all that we do be a foretaste of your reign on earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:21-23

MESSAGE *The Gospel* Rev. 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 #231** *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Live 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** *Sweet Presence of Jesus*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *We've Come to Glorify
Glorify Thy Name
He's All I Need*

PRAYER

OFFERING *As We Gather*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lead Me, Lord*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING SONG** *Change My Heart, O God*

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.
- Pray for Arlene & Paul Gebel and family. Arlene's sister, Thersa, passed onto the Lord October 23rd.

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.

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given by Barbie and Frank Shore, Jr. in memory of their dad on his birthday.

ROSE - The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Logan Daniel Burke, great-grandson of Fred & Rachel Pfaender. Logan was born October 21st to Stacey and Dan Burke.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – You are invited to a Celebration of the Life of Christina Hutchinson Monday, November 10th at 6:30pm at the church. A reception will follow.

THANKSGIVING GIFTING – We have begun our Thanksgiving Offering campaign and will **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.

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.

RICE & PINTO BEAN SUNDAY – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday**. Please place your items in the wicker basket or tall container in the church entrance.

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

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 **Tuesday, November 4th**.

BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG – Wednesday's Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger is cancelled for November 5th.

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 be meeting at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at 8:00am this **Thursday, November 6th**. 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, **November 6th at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. Dave Sifferd leads this study of the Old and New Testaments, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and come and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.

TOWN HALL MEETING – Covenant partners and friends; please plan on attending a very important Town Hall Meeting on **Sunday, November 9th at 11:30am** to discuss the 2015 budget. A light lunch will be served before the meeting. Please sign up in the church entrance if you plan to attend.

DIABETES DISCUSSION GROUP- If you have diabetes or care for someone that has diabetes or know of someone that could benefit from discussing their diabetes, please invite them and come to our discussion group beginning **Monday, November 10th at 10:00am** and share information what is working and not working for you or them. Debbie Carney and Pat Patterson will lead the discussion.

POTLUCK & MOVIE – Your invited to a potluck and movie on **Wednesday, November 12th**. The movie is "Ragamuffin." The categories for food to bring have changed!! Last names beginning with: A-H, dessert; I-Q, meat dish; R-Z, salad/vegetable. Let's make this an outreach to friends and neighbors - invite them for a time of good food and fellowship. Come at 5:30 pm so we can all get to bed on time!!! Please sign up in the church entrance.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – On **Friday, November 21st**, 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.

SHOEBOX GIFTING FOR MISIÓN PENIEL – Fill a shoebox for the children at Misión Peniel. The shoeboxes will be **collected until December 14th**. A list of suggested items is in the church entrance. If you have any gently used gift bags that you can donate, we would appreciate them.

HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE IN ORLANDO – The trip to the Holy Land

Experience has been set up for **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**. The cost is \$75, which includes bus and admission; it's \$50 to rent a scooter. A sign-up sheet is available in the church entrance. If you have already signed up showing interest in going, you need to sign up again. (It was suggested that you bring a jacket because the theater is cool).

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.”

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

November 2nd thru November 9th

Sunday, November 2	Prayer Service
Monday, November 3	
2:00pm	Special Session Meeting
3:30pm	Worship Team
Tuesday, November 4	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study @ Cuzner’s
Thursday, November 6	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. @ Sky View Café, Punta Gorda Airport
9:30am	The Second Cup
10:00am	Fellowship Meeting
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 9	
9:00am	New Beginnings Worship
9:45am – 10:45am	Blood Pressures Checked
10:30am	Traditional Worship
11:30am	Town Hall Meeting
6:00pm	Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Colossians 1:21-23 (NIV)

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

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



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A Covenant Order
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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 2, 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.

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