
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Divertissement (Gigue)* Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Rejoice the Lord Is King* Stan Pethel
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #151** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Steven Strite
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Everlasting Life* R. P. Curtis

OFFERTORY *Sarabande* G. F. Handel

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 hope 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. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:11-16

MESSAGE *The Touch of Life* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #293** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

***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 *He Will Deliver Me*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*
10,000 Reasons
Change My Heart, O God

PRAYER

OFFERING *You Shine*

SPECIAL MUSIC *All Creatures of Our God and King*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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***CLOSING SONG** *Glorify Thy Name*

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 Arlene Gebel and family on the passing of her husband, Paul Gebel, on October 28th, 2015.

Those with Special Needs

Jerry & Nancy Julius Rev. Larry Yerger
Helmut Ehrhardt Fred Tabert
Kay Callahan Arlene Gebel
Ella Sifferd Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore Rob Taylor & family
Helen Anderson Nancy Beasom
Cara Coletti

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 Charles Sampsel, in memory of his mother, Marion H. Sampsel.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER is available in the foyer and on our website.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.

TOWN HALL MEETING – Covenant partners and friends; please plan on attending a very important Town Hall Meeting **TODAY at 11:30am** to review the proposed 2016 budget. A light lunch will be served before the meeting.

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.

WELCOME NEIGHBORS MINISTRY – Cookies are needed by **TOMORROW** to hand out to the workers in the Waterford neighborhood. Would you be willing to bake a dozen or two? Contact Phyllis Richardson or Georgia Cherny. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – The deadline to submit articles for the December newsletter is **TOMORROW, Monday, November 9th**.

CHOOSE YOUR GAME – We will be starting a Game Morning activity every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10am to Noon, starting **THIS Tuesday, November 10th**, in Fellowship Hall. Curious? Come one and all, men, women and guests – either to play a variety of games, or just to observe.

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, November 12th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

THE SECOND CUP (of coffee) – You're invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group **THIS Thursday, November 12th 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 join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.

DEACON'S FUND – **NEXT Sunday, November 15th**, is our monthly collection to support our efforts for congregation and emergency needs, Neighbor to Neighbor Dinners, Misión Peniel, and others.

2016 PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY - NEXT 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 **NEXT Sunday, November 15th at 11:30am** to elect new elders and a nominating committee for 2016. Please plan on attending.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – **NEXT 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 *Shoobox 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.”

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.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments & suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church foyer.

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 8th thru November 15th

Sunday, November 8

11:30am Town Hall Meeting
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Monday, November 9

10:00am NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
10:00am Fellowship Team
10:00am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, November 10

10:00am Game Morning Activity
3:00pm Mission Team

Wednesday, November 11

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

11:15am Fellowship Nav-A-Gator Cruise

Sunday, November 15

9:00am DEDICATION SUNDAY
New Beginnings Worship
10:30am Traditional Worship
11:30am Congregational Meeting
2:00pm C.L.A.S.S. 101
6:00pm Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Luke 7:11-16 (NIV)

¹¹Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹²As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” ¹⁴Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. ¹⁶They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.”

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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 8, 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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