

## 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### 10:30am Worship Service

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Trompette Prelude* James D. Kimball

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**INTROIT** *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir

\***HYMN #147** (Verses 1, 2 & 4) *How Great Thou Art*

#### 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** *Only By Grace* Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

**RESPONSE** *Lord, Here We Are* Randall Curtis

**OFFERTORY** *Offertorium* Gordon Young

\***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** Malachi 3:6-12

**MESSAGE** *Test Me* Rev. Steve Mock

\***HYMN #139** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***RESPONSE** *Live in Peace* Randall Curtis  
Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.  
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #502319310

*Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service*

### 9:00am New Beginnings Service

\***GATHERING SONG** *I Will Exalt Your Name*

\***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Glory to the Lamb*  
*10,000 Reasons*  
*Find Me in the River*

#### PRAYER

**OFFERING** *Make Me a Servant*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Faithful God*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE** Malachi 3:6-12

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\***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.
- 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 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 Charles Sampsel in memory of his mother, Marion H. Sampsel.

**ROSE** - The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Ella Rose Hill, great-granddaughter of Shirley Berg. Ella was born October 25th to Patrick & Jinae Hill.

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

**TOWN HALL MEETING** – Covenant partners and friends; please plan on attending a very important Town Hall Meeting **today at 11:30am** to discuss the

2015 budget. A light lunch will be served before the meeting.

**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.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the December issue of "The Messenger" are due in the church office **Monday, November 10th** in order to have the newsletter published for Sunday, November 23rd.

**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.

**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.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **next Sunday at 11:30am** to elect new elders, deacons and nominating committee for 2015. Please plan on attending.

**BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG** – Participate in a Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger every **Wednesday at 10am** involving in-depth discussions on a variety of Biblical topics and their relationship to current affairs. We are currently doing a DVD-based study on prayer by Jim Cymbala. New attendees are always welcome to join us.

**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.

**2015 PLEDGE DEDICATION** - Next Sunday, we will offer our 2015 pledges to God in thanksgiving for his many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church.

**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 18th**.

**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.

**COFFEE CAKES** - The Mission Team is having a final sale on the Butter Braid Coffee Cakes for \$5 each. There is only 3 Cream Cheese left. Get yours today!

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

**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.”

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – Pick up a copy of this booklet of daily devotionals 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 be invited to this page please email Randy at [rpc1220@me.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 9th thru November 16th

<b>Sunday, November 9</b>	
9:45am – 10:45am	Blood Pressures Checked
6:00pm	Prayer Service
<b>Monday, November 10</b>	
10:00am	Diabetes Discussion Group
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
6:30pm	Christina Hutchinson Memorial Service
<b>Tuesday, November 11</b>	
3:00pm	Mission Team
<b>Wednesday, November 12</b>	
10:00am	Bible Study w/ Rev. Larry Yerger
5:30pm	Potluck & Movie
<b>Thursday, November 13</b>	
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, November 16</b>	
9:00am	<b>DEDICATION SUNDAY</b> <i>New Beginnings Worship</i>
10:30am	Traditional Worship
11:30am	Congregational Meeting
6:00pm	Prayer Service

## SERMON NOTES

Malachi 3:6-12 (NIV)

6 “I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

8 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the LORD Almighty. 12 “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty.

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



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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 9, 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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