

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Gavotte* Matthew Camidge

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #45** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. *(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 *You Are Mine* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *He's All I Need* Randall Curtis

OFFERTORY *Allegretto* W.A. Mozart

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we dedicate our offering to the work and ministries of your church. We also dedicate our commitment to your church in the coming year with our pledges of support. Please multiply our commitments so that we can continue to build your kingdom of love in Punta Gorda and beyond. We dedicate them in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

MESSAGE *The Gift of Generosity* Rev. Steve Mock

***HYMN #596** *I Surrender All*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* 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** *Great Is the Lord*

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*
It Is Well With My Soul
How Great You Are

PRAYER

OFFERING *He Will Deliver Me*

SPECIAL MUSIC *He Reigns*
New Beginnings Praise Team

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***CLOSING SONG** *Shepherd of My Soul*

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, *Rosie's Adult Family Care* Dorothy Blue, *Harbor Terrace*
Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*
Esther Wheeler, *Life Care Center*

**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.

DEACONS FUND OFFERING TODAY – Today is our monthly collection for the Deacon's Fund. The Deacon's Fund supports our efforts to help congregation needs, Neighbor-to-Neighbor Dinners, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

FLOWERS – The flowers this morning are given by Laurel Aumend in memory of her mother, Doris Aumend.

2015 PLEDGE DEDICATION – Today, 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. If you forgot to bring your pledge card, there are extras on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

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

THANKSGIVING GIFTING – Our Thanksgiving Offering campaign and **ends today**. 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.

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**.

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.

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 20th**. 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 20th 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.

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.

SIGN UP TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH - On **Friday, November 28th at 10:00am** we need help from the men to bring the Christmas items from storage in the garage to the church, and also to set up the Christmas trees. Then on **Saturday, November 29th at 10:00am** we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. There will be coffee & donuts on Friday and a light lunch on Saturday. Sign up in the church entrance and come and join the fun!!!

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SUPPER - The Fellowship Team invites you to their 2014 Christmas Potluck Supper on **Saturday, December 6th at 5:30pm**. Ham, beverages, and dessert will be furnished. After dinner, the Praise Team will entertain us. So put on your favorite Christmas outfit and bring your favorite dish for the buffet table and join us for a time of fellowship and cheer. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the church entrance.

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. The next trip will be **Friday, January 23rd**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm.

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. 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.

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 16th thru November 16th

Sunday, November 16	DEDICATION SUNDAY
6:00pm	Prayer Service
11:30am	Congregational Meeting
Monday, November 17	
2:00pm	Session
Tuesday, November 18	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study @ Cuzner’s
Wednesday, November 19	
10:00am	Bible Study w/ Rev. Larry Yerger
Thursday, November 20	
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
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 21	
5:00 – 7:00pm	Neighbor-to-Neighbor FREE Dinner
Sunday, November 23	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
9:00am	New Beginnings Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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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 16, 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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