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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* Virgil Fox**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Count Your Blessings* Oarman/Excell  
Chancel Choir**\*HYMN #790** *We Gather Together***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**From the Theological Declaration of Barmen from the *Book of Confessions* of ECO

We confess...Jesus Christ...is the one Word of God, which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death...as Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *Nobody Shoutin' Like Me* Sorenson  
Chancel Choir  
Marcia Ling, Soloist**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Father God* Jack W. Hayford**OFFERTORY** *We Thank You, Lord* Angerman/Martin  
Chancel Choir  
Diane Curtis, Soloist**\*DOXOLOGY #815****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to You, generous God, for we want to accomplish the greater works to which Christ calls us. Increase our generosity that we may learn to give in proportion to the mercy we have received. Ready us for the sacrifices that may be required of all who seek to live in faithful response to the way, the truth and the life. May the programs supported by our offerings turn many others and us from our vain idols and distracting pursuits. In His name we pray. In His name we pray. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:29-30**MESSAGE** *By Faith – Israelites* Pastor Steve Mock**\*HYMN #797** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***\*BENEDICTION****\*RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* R. P. Curtis

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.  
*Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service*

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**9:00am New Beginnings Service**

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**OPENING SONG** *Praise Him, Raise Him***\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Bless That Wonderful Name*  
*In All Things, Give Thanks*  
*Refresh My Heart, Lord***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Give Thanks***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Walk By Faith*  
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11:29-30**MESSAGE** *By Faith – Israelites* Pastor Steve Mock**\*CLOSING SONG** *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*

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**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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***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 ECO 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, that we support.

***Those who Grieve***

- Pray for the family of Vern Wilson who went home to the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016.
- Pray for Linda Potthoff and family on the sudden passing of her brother.
- Pray for Carol Fogg and family on the sudden passing of her husband, Bob, on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

***Those with Special Needs***

Jerry Julius	Rev. Larry Yerger
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson
Ella Sifferd	Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore	Nancy Beasom
Cara Gebel	Cara Coletti
Mae Snyder	Donna Peterson
Ken Haun	Anna Belle DeBlauw
Phyllis Ehrhardt	Joan Pfeiffer

***Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes***

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Lorraine Sisson, <i>Saginaw, MI</i>	John Milligan, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	

*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.*  
*Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

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**CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.**FLOWERS** – The flowers this morning are given by Kay Callahan in memory of her father, Coue Keeney.**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** is available in the church foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES****DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY** – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.**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.**PLEDGE CARD** – If you haven't returned your pledge card for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.**GAME MORNING** – Join us **THIS Tuesday, November 22nd** for Game Morning from 10am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry leads a Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10am at the church. All are welcome and we urge you to join in learning about God's Word and how it applies to our lives today.**SIGN UP TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH - THIS Friday, November 25th at 10:00am** we assemble the decorations and set up the Christmas trees. On **Saturday, November 26th at 10:00am** we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. There will be coffee & donuts on Friday. A light lunch will be provided on Saturday. Sign up in the church foyer and join the fun!!!**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** – The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving.**CHRISTMAS GATHERING DINNER** - The Fellowship Team invites you to their 2016 Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, December 3rd at 5:30pm**. Meat, beverages and cake will be furnished. Please bring your favorite dish for the buffet table. The Dunnemans, Gospel Singers, will provide entertainment for us at 7:00pm. Please sign up in the church foyer.**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – All women of the church are invited to our Christmas Lunch on **Thursday, December 8th at 11am** in Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger sandwiches or desserts to share; as well as cookies and cookie tins to package for shut-ins, veterans and police officers.**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** – Remember a loved one this Christmas by giving a poinsettia to help decorate the church. Suggested donation is \$7 per poinsettia. Special envelopes for your poinsettia donations are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. **Please return your envelope by December 12th** in order to be listed in a special bulletin insert.**SHOEBOX GIFTING FOR MISIÓN PENIEL** – Fill a shoebox for the children at Misión Peniel. The shoeboxes will be collected until **Sunday, December 18th**. 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 will add items to each box.**SHOEBOX DELIVERY TO MISIÓN PENIEL** – We will deliver the Christmas Shoeboxes to Immokalee on **Friday, December 23rd**. **WE NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS TRIP!** Call Dianne Sizemore or the church by **Monday, December 12th to volunteer!** We carpool from the church at 12:15pm.**TREASURES TABLE** – The Presbyterian Women need seasonal donations for the Treasures Table in Fellowship Hall. Please bring items before the end of November to make this a cheerful time of giving. Proceeds go to Outreach projects.**SINGLES MINISTRY** – We are considering starting a Singles Ministry here at the church and would like to know how many of our singles might be interested in participating. Please indicate your interest on the sheet in the church foyer.**LIONS, TIGERS & BEARS EXCURSION** – Your Fellowship Team has confirmed an excursion to "Lions, Tigers & Bears" in Arcadia on Saturday, January 21st. The time is 4-7pm and the cost is \$25, which includes watching the animals at feeding time and a Safari Dinner on the Terrace. **We are limited to 20 participants**, so please sign up on the sheet 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? Or deliver a

meal that someone else has fixed? If so, please call the church office to volunteer.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MINISTRY** – Our RED “Welcome Bags” are in the church foyer waiting for you to deliver to a new neighbor in your neighborhood.

**CROSSROADS MINISTRY** – AMI KIDS 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.”

**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](mailto:steve@fpcpunta.org).

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – This booklet of daily devotionals is 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 gain access to this page, please email Randy. Live streaming of services is available on our website homepage ([www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org)) by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE.

**THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM** requests your comments and suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is in the church foyer.

**TREASURES TABLE** – Visit the Presbyterian Women’s Priceless Treasures table in Fellowship Hall. You may place your “treasures” there (no clothing, please); or if you find a “treasure” that you like, put a donation in the container. Proceeds are for outreach projects.

**FLOWERS** – May be sponsored for the **cost of \$37.50**. 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.

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**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

November 20th thru November 27th

<u>Sunday, November 20</u>	<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, November 21</u>	
2:00pm	Session
<u>Tuesday, November 22</u>	
10:00am	Game Morning
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Wednesday, November 23</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, November 24</u>	
	Office Closed
	<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
<u>Friday, November 25</u>	
10:00am	Office Closed
	Church Decorations
<u>Saturday, November 26</u>	
10:00am	Church Decorations
<u>Sunday, November 27</u>	
9:00am	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
10:30am	<i>New Beginnings Worship</i>
6:00pm	Traditional Worship
	Prayer Meeting

**SERMON NOTES**

**Hebrews 11:29-30 (NIV)**

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

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



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A Covenant Order  
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Presbyterians

**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 20, 2016

9:00am & 10:30am

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**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.

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Steve Mock
<b>ASSISTANT PASTOR</b>	Rev. Larry Yerger
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	Randall Curtis
<b>OFFICE MANAGER</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Marguerite O’Brien
<b>USHERS</b>	Sharon Russell, Nancy Murphy, Jean LaMantia, Mary Anne Washabaugh