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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Virgil Fox**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *We Have Gathered* Stan Pethel  
Chancel Choir\***HYMN #493** *Glory to His Name***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** *A Psalm for Life* Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *He's All I Need* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Declare His Glory* John W. Peterson  
Chancel Choir\***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. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10**MESSAGE** *Gospel, Word, Spirit* Pastor Larry Yerger  
*The Chosen*\***HYMN #786** *Count Your Blessings*\***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.  
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**9:00am New Beginnings Service**

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**GATHERING SONG** *Friends in High Places*\***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Rock of My Salvation*  
*Shepherd Of My Soul*  
*Seek Ye First***PRAYER****OFFERING** *In All Things Give Him Thanks***SPECIAL MUSIC** *It Is Good*  
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10**MESSAGE** *Gospel, Word, Spirit* Pastor Larry Yerger  
*The Chosen*\***CLOSING SONG** *Give Thanks*

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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 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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*  
Lorraine Sisson, *Saginaw, MI* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*  
Esther Wheeler

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

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***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 Larrie & Marjorie Tisdale to the Glory of God in honor of the marriage of their granddaughter Kelly Anne Tisdale to her groom Bradley Powell on November 21st.***NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER*** is available in the foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES*****THANKSGIVING GIFTING*** – Our Thanksgiving Offering campaign **ends today**. Special envelopes are in the church foyer or you may use a pew envelope. Monies collected will be donated to Charlotte County families through St. Vincent de Paul.***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.***CHOOSE YOUR GAME*** – Join us for a Game Morning activity every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. We meet **THIS Tuesday, November 24th**. Curious? Come one and all, men and women – to either 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.***SIGN UP TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH*** - On **Friday, November 27th at 10:00am** we assemble the decorations and set up the Christmas trees. Then on **Saturday, November 28th 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 foyer and come and join the fun!!!***CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*** – The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving.***CHRISTMAS DINNER*** - The Fellowship Team invites you to their 2015 Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, December 5th at 5:30pm**. Ham, beverages and cake will be furnished. Please bring your favorite dish for the buffet table. The Dunnemans, who are Country Gospel Singers, will provide entertainment for us at 7:00pm. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the church foyer.***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH*** – All women of the church are invited to our Christmas Lunch on **Thursday, December 10th 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 13th** 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 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 **Shoebbox 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](mailto:steve@fpcpunta.org).

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – This booklet of daily devotionals is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

**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.

**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 & 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.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

November 22nd thru November 29th

<u>Sunday, November 22</u> 6:00pm	<b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b> Prayer Meeting
<u>Tuesday, November 24</u> 10:00am 5:30pm 7:00pm	Games Activity Praise Team Choir Rehearsal
<u>Wednesday, November 25</u> 10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, November 26</u>	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> Church Office Closed
<u>Friday, November 27</u> 10:00am	<b>Church Office Closed</b> Church Decorations
<u>Saturday, November 28</u> 10:00am	Church Decorations
<u>Sunday, November 29</u> 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> New Beginnings Worship Traditional Worship Prayer Meeting

### SERMON NOTES

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 (NRSV)

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that He has chosen you, because our message of the Gospel came to you not in Word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit, and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake and you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution, you received the Word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia; for the Word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not *only* in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it for the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God and to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead - Jesus - who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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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*

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November 22, 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.

**PASTOR**  
**ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

Rev. Steve Mock  
Rev. Larry Yerger  
Randall Curtis  
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Mary Anne Washabaugh, Pat Patterson