

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Joseph est bien Marie* C. Balbastre

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

INTROIT *Faithful Is God* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #244** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know we ought to be watching for signs of your presence and of your Son's coming. But we are so easily distracted by what is none of our business, like Peter worrying about the Master's love for John; or even by what is our business, like Martha cooking up a storm in her kitchen; or by sheer fatigue, like the disciples in Gethsemane. Forgive our distraction, most patient Lord, and let this Advent season find us alert to your presence and eagerly looking forward to the coming of your Son, both at Christmas and at the end of time. *(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 *Ready My Lord* Lewis
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE *Come, Child of Hope* Randall Curtis

OFFERTORY *Of Our Father's Love Begotten* arr. Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed God, we stand before you as your people, offering to you what we can in anticipation of your coming again to earth. You give us much, we give you little - yet, you are gracious to bless what we give. Please accept these small gifts and transform them into the work of your reign on this earth, as we make ready for the newborn Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE *Jesus* Rev. Steve Mock

***HYMN #459** *We Remember You*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***HYMN #118** *His Name Is Wonderful*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Come, Holy Child* 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** *Shout of El Shaddai*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

***PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Rock of Ages*
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Isn't He?

PRAYER

OFFERING *Cry of My Heart*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child*
New Beginnings Praise Team

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE *Jesus* Rev. Steve Mock

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN #768** *Count Your Blessings*

***CLOSING SONG** *Alleluia*

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

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 Diane Culver-Truby in memory of John Truby.

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, December 2nd.**

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. This Wednesday we will begin a study on the Book of Revelation. 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 Thursday, December 4th.** 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, December 4th 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.

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 **Monday, December 8th at 10:00am** and share information what is working and not working for you or them. Pat Patterson will lead the discussion.

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.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH – All women of the church are invited to our Christmas lunch/meeting on **Thursday, December 11th at 11am** in Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad or sandwiches to share. Also cookies to package for veterans and shut-ins.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – On **Friday, December 19th**, 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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA – Remember a loved one this Christmas by giving a poinsettia to help decorate the church. Suggested donation is \$7 per poinsettia. Envelopes for your donations are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. **Please return your envelope by December 14th** in order to be listed in a special bulletin that will be printed.

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 30th thru December 7th

Sunday, November 30 6:00pm	1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Prayer Service
Monday, December 1 3:30pm	Worship Team
Tuesday, December 2 10:00am	Women’s Bible Study @ Cuzner’s
Wednesday, December 3 10:00am	Bible Study w/ Rev. Larry Yerger
Thursday, December 4 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
	10:00am Fellowship Meeting
	5:30pm Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 6 5:30pm	Christmas Potluck
Sunday, December 7 9:00am	2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT New Beginnings Worship
	10:30am Traditional Worship
	6:00pm Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

34 “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail.”

38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

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



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A Covenant Order
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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 30, 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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