
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *il est un petit L'ange* Claud Ballbastre**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Art and Fran Koon**INTROIT** *Let's Worship and Adore Him* Traditional
Chancel Choir***HYMN #245** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, You kept Your promise to bring light into the world and to guide our steps into the paths of peace. You sent us Jesus and from Him we receive salvation. Yet we confess to being less than faithful in our response. We look to material things and work success to bring meaning to our lives and forget that our worth lies in being beloved children of Your kingdom. Please forgive us, redeeming God, and may Your coming once again reorder our priorities, renew our commitments and refashion our witness. Cast out our sin and enter in; transform us by Your Spirit. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE***GLORIA PATRI #813*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The First Creed – Ephesians 4:4-7 NKJV *(Unison)*

There is One Body, and One Spirit, even as we are called in One Hope of our calling — One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in all. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM *Love Came Down at Christmas* Joel Raney
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Come Lord Jesus* R. P. Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Pastorale* Gilbert Martin***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God, who has given to us so many gifts, Your generosity is sometimes even more than we can comprehend. We praise You for all Your loving gifts. Now we bring to You our gifts and our lives, dedicating them to You for service and ministry. May all that we do show to the world Your great love for all humankind. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-3**MESSAGE** *Good News – For the Brokenhearted* Pastor Steve Mock***HYMN #256** *Love Has Come!****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Come, Holy Child* R. P. Curtis

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #502319310

9:00am New Beginnings Service

SPECIAL MUSIC *Joy, Joy*
New Beginnings Praise Team**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE*****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Celebrate the Child*
Light Is Shining All Around
*Isn't He***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***SPECIAL MUSIC** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 61:1-3**MESSAGE** *Good News – For the Brokenhearted* Pastor Steve Mock***CLOSING SONG** *Emmanuel*

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.
- 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 Don Rebholz on the loss of his brother, Rodney Rebholz, on November 20th, 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	Nancy Beasom
Helen Anderson	Cara Coletti

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

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

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 Elaine Schultz in loving memory of her husband, William Schultz.***DECEMBER NEWSLETTER*** is available in the foyer and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES*****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 2016, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*** – Please submit your articles for the January newsletter by **Monday, December 7th**.***VISITATION MINISTRY*** – Cookies are needed by **Tuesday, December 8th**, for our new neighborhood visitations. Please label and place in the kitchen freezer. We appreciate it! Call Phyllis Ehrhardt or Georgia Cherny for questions.***HELP NEEDED*** - Fellowship Committee is looking for one or two people to oversee the kitchen. This consists of checking supplies, putting items away, and keeping the kitchen as uncluttered as possible. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Beasom at 505-9383 or Gail Thornton 916-1726.***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, December 8th**. 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.***PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH*** – All women of the church are invited to our Christmas Lunch **THIS 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 CANTATA*** – **NEXT Sunday, December 13th, at the 10:30am service**, the Chancel Choir will present a Christmas Cantata called "Go Tell It!". Come join us for this special musical presentation that will open your hearts for the season of Christmas. Invite friends and neighbors to attend with you!***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 NEXT SUNDAY, December 13th**, in order to be listed in a special bulletin insert.***RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY*** – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **NEXT Sunday, December 13th**. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.***SHOEBOX GIFTING FOR MISIÓN PENIEL*** – Fill a shoebox for the children at Misión Peniel. The shoeboxes will be collected until **NEXT 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.***CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE – 7PM******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 call the church office to volunteer.

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.

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. 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) 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.

SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV)

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

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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

December 6, 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.

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ASSISTANT PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
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USHERS

Rev. Steve Mock
Rev. Larry Yerger
Randall Curtis
Debbie Rostad
Don Washabaugh
Kathy Belville, Roy Belville,
Kay Callahan, Mary Anne Washabaugh

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

December 6th thru December 13th

Sunday, December 6

6:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer Meeting

Monday, December 7

3:30pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Worship Team

Tuesday, December 8

10:00am

Games Activity

3:00pm

Mission Team

Wednesday, December 9

10:00am

Bible Study

Thursday, December 10

11:00am

Presbyterian Women Christmas Lunch

5:30pm

Praise Team

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 13

9:00am

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

New Beginnings Worship

10:30am

Traditional Worship & *Cantata*

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting

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