

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### 10:30am Worship Service

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Sing We Now of Christmas* arr. Douglas Wagner

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Elaine & Bill Schultz

**INTROIT** *How Great Our Joy!* arr. Hugo Lungst  
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** Taken from the Nicene Creed *(Unison)*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *In the Silence, Wondrous Love* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
Chancel Choir

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

**RESPONSE** *Come, Child of Hope* Randall Curtis

**OFFERTORY** *French Carol* Gordon Young

#### \*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. May these gifts that we bring now, and our lives, be dedicated by you for service and ministry. May all that we do show to the entire world your great love for all humankind, in Christ's name. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:14 (The Message)

**MESSAGE** *Emmanuel* Rev. Steve Mock

**\*HYMN #243** (Repeat once) *Emmanuel*

#### \*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** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Ron & Nancy Beasom

**\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Light is Shining All Around  
Celebrate the Child  
Emmanuel*

#### PRAYER

**OFFERING** *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Emmanuel, God With Us*  
New Beginnings Praise Team

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:14 (The Message)

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**\*CLOSING SONG** *Love Came Down*

#### 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 Barbie and Frank Shore, Jr. in memory of their mom, Ruth, on her birthday.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** – Our choir will present a Christmas Cantata next Sunday, December 14th at the 10:30am service. Also, our Praise Team will do a collection of Christmas songs at the 9am service. Come to either or both services and enjoy the music of the season.

**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.

**PLEDGE CARD** – If you haven't returned your pledge card for 2015, we urge you do so as soon as possible. Extras can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Please submit your articles for the January newsletter by **Monday, December 8th**.

**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.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, December 8th at 10am**.

**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. Our current study is the Book of Revelation. New attendees are always welcome to join us.

**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.

**RICE & PINTO BEAN SUNDAY** – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday**. Please place your items in the wicker basket or 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 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 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.

**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 16th**.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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**

**December 7th thru December 14th**

<u>Sunday, December 7</u>	<b>2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
6:00pm	Prayer Service
<u>Monday, December 8</u>	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
10:00am	Diabetes Group
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
<u>Tuesday, December 9</u>	
3:00pm	Mission Team Meeting
<u>Wednesday, December 10</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study w/ Rev. Larry Yerger
<u>Thursday, December 11</u>	
11:00am	Presbyterian Women Lunch/Cookie Packaging
5:30pm	Praise Team Practice
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Sunday, December 14</u>	<b>3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship & Cantata
6:00pm	Prayer Service

**SERMON NOTES**

**Matthew 1:18-25 (The Message)**

18 The birth of Jesus took place like this. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they came to the marriage bed, Joseph discovered she was pregnant. (It was by the Holy Spirit, but he didn't know that.) 19 Joseph, chagrined but noble, determined to take care of things quietly so Mary would not be disgraced.

20 While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. 21 She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—'God saves'—because he will save his people from their sins." 22 This would bring the prophet's embryonic sermon to full term:

23 Watch for this—a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Emmanuel (Hebrew for "God is with us").

24 Then Joseph woke up. He did exactly what God's angel commanded in the dream: He married Mary. 25 But he did not consummate the marriage until she had the baby. He named the baby Jesus.

**Isaiah 7:14 (The Message)**

14 So the Master is going to give you a sign anyway. Watch for this: A girl who is presently a virgin will get pregnant. She'll bear a son and name him Immanuel (God-With-Us).

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**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 7, 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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