

10:00am Worship Service		
WELCOME		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on “St. Anne”</i>	Alfred Fedak
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN #56	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	
*PRAYER OF ADORATION		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>How Can I Keep From Singing?</i> Jubilee Singers	arr. Alice Parker
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	Patricia Lou Harris
*RESPONSE #815	<i>Doxology</i>	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION <i>(Unison)</i>		
Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.		
*PRAISE SONG #713	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1:11-23; 3:14-21	
MESSAGE	<i>Drawing Near to God</i> <i>Paul: Praying for Others</i>	Pastor Steve Mock
*HYMN #426	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #232	<i>God Be with You (vs. 1)</i>	

*Please stand, if able

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 service

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 member of our congregation.

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 ECO as we seek to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they search for the new pastor for our congregation.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi and Eric Stone & family, missionaries that we support.
- Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for Crossroads Hope Academy, the mission for foster boys in PG.

Those Who Grieve

- Pray for Robert Cuzner and family, whose wife Sharon went home to the Lord on August 31st.

Those with Special Needs:

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Arlene Gebel
Helen Anderson	Ella Sifferd	Dianne Sizemore
Cara Coletti	Nancy Beasom	Joe Brooks
Glee Miller	Helmut Ehrhardt	Pauli Purcell
Jean Cleffi	Lynn Lang	Jerry Smith
Irene Csontos	Jean Hinman	Jene Shafer
Rick Berner	Frances Frost	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Jean Hinman, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Mae Snyder, <i>Port Charlotte Rehab</i>
Glee Miller, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	

Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.
PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.
FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Marguerite O’Brien in memory of her husband, John.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm in the Conference Room. Come and be a part of what God’s Spirit is doing in our church and community.
PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE – As the PNC proceeds in the selection process for our new pastor, there is **a need to raise an initial amount of \$10,000** to cover expenses. Pray on how our Lord would have you help this special need. Please mark your donations “PNC”. Thank you.
NEW MEMBERS CLASS – **NEXT Sunday, September 15th from 3:00pm – 5:30pm**, Pastor Steve Mock will hold C.L.A.S.S. 101, *Becoming a Covenant Partner*. Anyone interested in becoming a member/covenant partner of our church is invited to attend. Please sign up.

CONCERT SERIES – Sunday, September 29th at 3:00pm – Our very own Organist, Stephanie Smith, joins us for our first concert of our new Annual Concert Series program. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$10.00. Season brochures are in the church foyer.

TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Bible Study (Book of *Romans*), led by Pastor Steve, meets *Wednesday, September 11th, 10:00am* in the Conference Room. *All are welcome!*

DEACON’S FUND – NEXT Sunday, September 15th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

SOCIABLE SINGLES – Sign up for *Friday, September 20th, 12:00pm* at Bella Napoli, P. G.

CROSSROADS MINISTRY – If you would like to donate to Crossroads Hope Academy, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write “Crossroads.”

STREAMING MINISTRY – Live streaming of services is available on our website homepage (www.fpcpunta.org) by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE.

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.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK
September 8th thru September 15th

<u>Sunday, September 8</u>	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, September 9</u>	Newsletter Deadline
10:00am	Fellowship Team
1:00pm	Worship Team
7:00pm	Bion Cantorum
<u>Tuesday, September 10</u>	
10:00am	Mission Team
<u>Wednesday, September 11</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, September 12</u>	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Sunday, September 15</u>	
10:00am	Worship
3:00pm	New Members Class
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

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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

September 8, 2019

10:00am

PASTOR	Rev. Steve Mock
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Stephanie Smith
OFFICE MANAGER	Debbie Rostad
USHERS	Kay Callahan, Diane Truby, Jean LaMantia, Sharon Russell