

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord of the Dance

Joel Raney

Debbie Rostad, Piano, Stephanie Smith, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

We Have Come to Worship the Lord

C. Yannerella

Chancel Choir

\*HYMN #225Come, Christians, Join to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving Spirit, who moves freely and gracefully through this world, transforming and mending broken pieces, we confess that we stumble through life, trying to survive on our own power. We feel paralyzed—numbed by fear, by old habits, by the effort we expend in trying to impress others. We try to earn Your grace through our own awkward endeavors, forgetting that all that we are comes from You. In Your mercy forgive us. Fill us with Your liberating Spirit, that our souls might run, leap, and praise You, so that the entire world would know Your grace and truth. *(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

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Medema/arr. Schrader

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE

Let the Words of My Mouth

A. Baumbach

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

arr. Lorie Line

Debbie Rostad, Soprano, Stephanie Smith, Piano

\*DOXOLOGY #815

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of praise and thanks for Your presence and Your love. We praise You for Your church and its witness and ministry to all. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by Your Spirit and further the ministries of Your church through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:1-11

MESSAGE

No Confidence in the Flesh

Pastor Steve Mock

\*HYMN #734Be Strong in the Lord

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

The Lord Be with You

C. Yannerella

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

*Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service*

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504195118

9:00am Praise Service

OPENING

Forever

\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG

Above All

Awesome God

It Is Well with My Soul

PRAYER

OFFERING

Father, I Adore You

SPECIAL MUSIC

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\*CLOSING SONG

God Will Make a Way

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 Charlotte County, for revival and renewal as part of Prayers Over Charlotte.
  - 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 the family of Lorraine Sisson, who went home to the Lord on January 21st.

*Those with Special Needs*

Rachel Pfaender

Kay Callahan

Ella Sifferd

Dianne Sizemore

Joe Brooks

Helmut Ehrhardt

Jean Cleffi

Jerry Smith

Jean Hinman

Rick Berner

Rev. Larry Yerger

Helen Anderson

Nancy Beasom

Cara Coletti

Joe Cherny

Pauli Purcell

Lynn Lang

Arlene Gebel

Glee Miller

*Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes*  
Barbara Shinn, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*  
Jean Hinman, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Mae Snyder, *Port Charlotte Rehab*  
Doris Henning, *Sandhill Gardens*  
*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.*

**CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER** – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

**PICTURE DIRECTORIES** – Available in the church foyer.

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given by Gayle Rosa in loving memory of her parents.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**GATHER FOR PRAYER** – Please join others on **Sunday mornings at 10:10am** in the Conference Room to pray for our worship services. Also, **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.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 3RD** — Please plan to attend a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, March 3rd, following the second service**. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect Beverly Brady as Deacon of Communion.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** — Pastor Larry’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. Our current study is “The Revelation of John”. *All are welcome!*

**GAME FELLOWSHIP** – Join us **THIS Thursday, February 28th from 10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.

**SOCIABLE SINGLES** – Please sign up in the church foyer for these events: **THIS Friday, March 1st, 12:00pm** – Las Margaritas de Camila, Port Charlotte  
**Friday, March 15th, 12:00pm** – Olympia, Port Charlotte

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER** – Please join us on **Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30pm** for a St. Patrick’s Day Dinner in Fellowship Hall, featuring corned beef and cabbage by Chef Bonnie Brown. A barbershop quartet will provide entertainment for us following dinner. A suggested donation for this dinner is \$5.00 per person. Sign up now in the church foyer.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – **Sunday, March 17th from 3pm – 5:30pm**, Pastor Steve Mock will be holding C.L.A.S.S. 101, *Becoming a Covenant Partner*. Anyone interested in becoming a member/covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church is invited to attend this seminar. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**WISHLIST FOR CROSSROADS** – Crossroads Hope Academy is seeking items for their “token economy store”. The kids are able to shop at this store using their ‘behavior bucks’. If you are interested in helping, please pick up a copy of the “Wishlist” on the sign-up table in the foyer.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME MINISTRY** – “Welcome Bags” are in the church foyer waiting for you to deliver to a new neighbor in your neighborhood.

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

**SUPPORT THE “PUNTA GORDA VETERANS VILLAGE” ON TAYLOR ROAD** – Please place donated items in the green basket in the church foyer.

**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Place donations of *gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts* in the wicker basket in the church foyer to support our mission work at Misión Peniel.

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT** – We are financially supporting two missionary families through Antioch Partners. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to the church and on the memo line write “Stone Family” (Guatemala) or “Lisa Alfonsi” (Peru).

**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? Or deliver a meal that someone else has fixed? If so, please call the church office to volunteer.

**PLEASE BRING IN FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY (AND PAPER PRODUCTS) -**  
Let us see the blue food bin overflowing each week. **Some suggestions: peanut butter, jelly, cereal and soup. St. Vincent de Paul also needs paper products (paper towels and toilet paper).**

**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. Donations are sent to the Animal Shelter.

**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 table in the back of the Sanctuary.

**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.

**TREASURES TABLE** – We are seeking donations of your “treasures” (no clothing, please) to add to the Treasures Table in Fellowship Hall. Also, please visit the table and if you find a “treasure” that you like, put a donation in the container. Proceeds are for outreach projects.

**THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM** requests your comments and suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is in the church foyer.

**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 WEEK		
February 24th thru March 3rd		
<u>Sunday, February 24</u>	6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, February 25</u>	7:00pm	Bion Cantorum Rehearsal
<u>Wednesday, February 27</u>	10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, February 28</u>	10:00am	Game Fellowship
	5:45pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, March 1</u>	12:00pm	Sociable Singles
<u>Sunday, March 3</u>	9:00am	Praise Service
	10:30am	Traditional Worship
	11:30am	Called Congregational Meeting
	6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Philippians 3:1-11 (NIV)

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



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

February 24, 2019

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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