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**10:30am Worship Service**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* arr. Alfred V. Fedak**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Give God Thanks* Beall/Larson  
Chancel Choir**\*HYMN #809** *God of Our Fathers***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Wondrous and generous God, You have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let Your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. *(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** *Mansions of the Lord* arr. B. Harlan  
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Danish**OFFERTORY** *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* arr. Christina Becket**\*DOXOLOGY #815****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to you, generous God, for we want to accomplish the greater works to which Christ calls us. Increase our generosity that we may learn to give in proportion to the mercy we have received. Ready us for the sacrifices that may be required of all who seek to live in faithful response to the way, the truth and the life. May the programs supported by our offerings turn many others and us from our vain idols and distracting pursuits. In His name, Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 10:41-45**MESSAGE** *Serving for a Reason* Pastor Steve Mock**\*HYMN #808** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save***\*BENEDICTION****\*RESPONSE** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* W. Tomer

\*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*

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**9:00am Praise Service**

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**OPENING** *My Country 'Tis of Thee***\*PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *Glory to the Lamb*  
*God Is Good All the Time*  
*Draw Me Close***PRAYER****OFFERING** *Holy Ground***SPECIAL MUSIC** *I Will Exalt You, Lord*  
Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Mark 10:41-45**MESSAGE** *Serving for a Reason* Pastor Steve Mock**\*CLOSING SONG** *Make Me a Servant*

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**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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**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 Misi3n 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 Joe and Betty Brooks and family, whose daughter Carla Kaucaba passed away suddenly on October 14th.
- Pray for the Barbara Harris and family, whose father Bill Conroy went home to the Lord on October 16th.

**Those with Special Needs**

Rachel Pfaender	Rev. Larry Yerger
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson
Ella Sifferd	Nancy Beasom
Dianne Sizemore	Cara Coletti
Joe Brooks	Joe Cherny
Helmut Ehrhardt	Pauli Purcell
Jean Cleffi	Lynn Lang
Jerry Smith	Arlene Gebel
Jean Hinman	Glee Miller

**Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes**

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Lorraine Sisson, <i>Saginaw, MI</i>	Mae Snyder, <i>Port Charlotte Rehab</i>
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	Bill Frost, <i>Parkside</i>

*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.***CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** – Available in the church foyer and on our website.**PICTURE DIRECTORIES** – Available in the church foyer.**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given by Charles Sampsel in memory of his mother, Marion H. Sampsel.**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.

**THANKSGIVING GIFTING** – Donations for Charlotte County families **continue through November 18th**. Special envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary or in the church foyer.

**CHRISTMAS OUTREACH** – Our Christmas outreach this year will be the collection of new children's books and stuffed animals for Misi3n Peniel. This is in lieu of our annual shoebox project. Please begin bringing these items and place them in the specially marked box in the church foyer.

**2019 PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY - TODAY** we offer our 2019 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church.

**THE FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is **NEXT Sunday, November 18th** after the second service for the purpose of electing elders. Please plan on attending. **TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY** – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – TODAY from 3pm – 5pm**, 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.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – TOMORROW, November 12th, at 10:00am**. If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall the second Monday of each month.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Larry's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Conference Room. **All are welcome!**

**POTLUCK DINNER and a MOVIE – THIS Wednesday, November 14th at 5:00pm** –The movie is "I Can Only Imagine". Sign up in the church foyer and share the following (last names beginning with):

(A-I) Meat (J-P) Salads/Vegetables (R-Z) Desserts

**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)** - meets at Sky View Caf3 at the PG Airport **THIS Thursday, November 15th at 8:00am**. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

**THE SECOND CUP (of coffee)** – You're invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group **THIS Thursday, November 15th at 9:15am** in the Conference Room. Dave Sifferd leads this study. Bring a friend and join us this Thursday.

**SOCIABLE SINGLES** – Please sign up in the church foyer for these events: **THIS Friday, November 16th, 12:00pm** – Pioneers Pizza, Port Charlotte **Friday, December 7th, 12:00pm** – Red Lobster, Port Charlotte

**DEACON'S FUND** – **NEXT Sunday, November 18th**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misi3n Peniel, and others.

**SIGN UP TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH - Friday, November 30th at 10:00am** we assemble the decorations and set up the Christmas trees. On **Saturday, December 1st at 10:00am** we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. There will be coffee and donuts on Friday. A light lunch will be provided on Saturday. Sign up in the church foyer and join the fun!!!

**CONCERT AT FPC ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND** - You are invited to a concert by Bion Cantorum, the chorus that the Byrons and Gensemers are members of. **The concert is in our Sanctuary on Sunday, December 2nd, at 3:00pm**. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available at the door.

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING DINNER** - The Fellowship Team invites you to their 2018 Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday, December 5th at 5:00pm**. Meat, beverages and cake will be furnished. Please bring your favorite dish for the buffet table. Debbie Rostad, Soprano, will entertain us. Please sign up in the church 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.”

**ANOTHER WAY TO HELP CROSSROADS** – When you place an order from *Amazon*, please consider going to <https://smile.amazon.org> and select Crossroads Hope Academy as your charity. Crossroads earns a percentage of your purchase with no cost to you. *Thank you!*

**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).

**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).**

**PRAYER EMAIL LIST** – If you would like to be on Pastor Steve’s prayer email list, please email Pastor Steve at [steve@fpcpunta.org](mailto:steve@fpcpunta.org).

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Live streaming of services is available on our website homepage ([www.fpcpunta.org](http://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.

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#### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

November 11th thru November 18th

<b><u>Sunday, November 11</u></b>	<b>Dedication Sunday</b>
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<b><u>Monday, November 12</u></b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
7:00pm	Bion Cantorum rehearsal
<b><u>Tuesday, November 13</u></b>	
1:30pm	Mission Team
<b><u>Wednesday, November 14</u></b>	
10:00am	Bible Study
5:30pm	Pot Luck & Movie Night
<b><u>Thursday, November 15</u></b>	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
9:15am	Second Cup
10:00am	Game Fellowship
5:45pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Friday, November 16</u></b>	
12:00pm	Sociable Singles
<b><u>Sunday, November 18</u></b>	
9:00am	Praise Service
10:30am	Traditional Worship
11:30am	Congregational Meeting
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

## SERMON NOTES

**Mark 10:41-45 (NIV)**

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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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 11, 2018

9:00am & 10:30am

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### 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.

**PASTOR**  
**ASSISTANT PASTOR**  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR**  
**ORGANIST**  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

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Debbie Rostad  
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