## 10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRELUDE Contemplation on "Hanson Place" Gregg Sewell

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SPECIAL MUSIC Let Us Break Bread Together John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** Softly and Tenderly arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*RESPONSE #815 Doxology

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

O gracious Lord, Your generosity knows no limits. You bless us with more than we need. Thank You for Your love and care – for Your provision and blessings – for Your promises and faithfulness. We dedicate our tithes and offerings to You and ask that they be used to bring glory to You and blessings to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*PRAISE SONG #48 Mighty Is Our God

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:46

MESSAGE Drawing Near to God Pastor Steve Mock

Jesus: Dying Well

\*HYMN #459 We Remember You (repeat)

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Invitation and Prayer of Dedication** 

**Sharing the Bread and Cup** 

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

\*HYMN #757 Soon and Very Soon

\*BENEDICTION

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #232

God Be with You (vs. 1)

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

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504195118

# 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 the family and friends of Barbara Shinn who went home to the Lord September 7th.

#### Those with Special Needs:

ne Gebel
ne Sizemore
Brooks
Purcell
Smith
Shafer

Rick Berner

## Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Glee Miller, Sandhill Gardens Marion Brown, Royal Palm

Jean Hinman, The Palms of Punta Gorda Mae Snyder, Port Charlotte Rehab

Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.

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

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

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

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given by Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.

**ROSES** - One blue rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of James Brady Anderson, first great-grandson of Beverly Brady. James was born September 22nd to Erin and Brian.

One blue rose is in celebration of the birth of Carmelo Josiah Hall, son of Cara Coletti and Corey Hall. Carmelo was born September 24th.

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

TWO SERVICES BEGIN – October 20th we return to two services – Praise Service @ 9am and Traditional Service @ 10:30am – PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS CHANGE

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand, if able

**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, October 13th from 3:00pm - 5:30pm Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church is invited to attend. Please sign up in foyer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BARBARA SHINN - A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at 10:00am in our sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Bible Study (Book of Romans), led by Pastor Steve, meets Wednesday, October 9th, 10:00am in the Conference Room. All are welcome!

RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY - We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel next Sunday, October 13th. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.

CHURCH PICNIC - Plan now to join us for our Fall Welcome Home Picnic on Wednesday, October 16th, at 4:00pm at Ponce de Leon Park. Fried Chicken will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to pass. Sign up in the church foyer.

**SOCIABLE SINGLES** – Sign up for *Friday, October 18th, 12:00pm* at Donato's, Port Charlotte. CONCERT SERIES - Sunday, October 27th at 3:00pm - Saxophonist Eirinn Abu joins us for our second 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.

## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK October 6th thru October 13th

Sunday, October 6	World Communion Sunday
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

6:00pm Monday, October 7

> Fellowship Team 10:00am Worship Team 1:00pm Bion Cantorum 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 8

10:00am Mission Team

Wednesday, October 9

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, October 10

10:00am Game Fellowship 5:30pm Praise Team Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm

Sunday, October 13

10:00am Worship

New Member Class 3:00pm 6:00pm Prayer Meeting

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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

October 6, 2019

10:00am

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

Rev. Steve Mock Joan Byron Stephanie Smith Debbie Rostad Kay Callahan, Jean LaMantia, Sharon Russell, Patti Nuznoff