

Order of Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
Prelude on “For All the Saints”
Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT
Give God Thanks
Chancel Choir
Beall/Larson

*HYMN #56
To God Be the Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord, it is easy for us to complain when life doesn’t go our way or when someone does something we don’t like. We are good at pointing out the mistakes of others and finding fault with many things in our world. Just like the Israelites in the wilderness, we grumble and gripe. In doing so, we dishonor You and hurt others. Please forgive us and may we show more love and understanding to others. May we show greater appreciation to You and be more grateful for all Your blessings. *(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
We are One with You, O Lord
Chancel Choir
Jay Althouse

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE
Wonderful Words of Life
P. Bliss/D. Moore

OFFERTORY
Partita on “For the Beauty of the Earth”
Dennis Janzer

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, accept these gifts as signs of our desire to serve You. Make our offerings to be instruments of peace and grace in the world. Use them to heal the sick, and to bring hope to the brokenhearted, comfort for the afflicted, justice for the oppressed and good news to all. And let all that we do be a foretaste of Your reign on earth. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC
In Christ Alone
Praise Team
Townend/Getty

SCRIPTURE
Jeremiah 29:10-13

MESSAGE
God’s Vision: God’s Plans
Pastor Steve Mock

*HYMN #461
In Remembrance

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 #435
God of Grace and God of Glory

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE
May the Grace of God Our Savior
J. Newton/J. Stainer

*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

MINISTRY OF PRAYER		
Prayer Focus		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 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		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pray for Nancy Murphy and family, whose brother James Huston, went home to the Lord on October 8th.		
Those with Special Needs		
Rachel Pfaender	Arlene Gebel	
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson	
Ella Sifferd	Nancy Beasom	
Dianne Sizemore	Rick Berner	
Joe Brooks	Pauli Purcell	
Helmut Ehrhardt	Lynn Lang	
Jean Cleffi	Jene Shafer	
Irene Csontos	Frances Frost	
Jerry Smith		
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.
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.
PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.
FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Joan and Ray Byron in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary.
ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of a great-granddaughter to Art and Fran Koons. Adelheide (Heide) Elaine Joy Westblade was born on October 15th to Lucas and Shannon.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES		
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT 11:45AM – A special congregational meeting has been called for <i>Sunday, November 10th at 11:45am</i> to extend a call to Rev. Dr. Barksdale Pullen III as co-pastor from December 1st through December 31st and as pastor effective January 1, 2020. Dr. Pullen will be preaching at the 10:30am worship service on November 10th. <i>All covenant partners should try to attend this meeting to vote on the call. Friends are also welcome.</i>		
2020 PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY - <i>NEXT Sunday, November 10th</i> , we will offer our 2020 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let’s respond to God’s generosity with generous giving to His church.		
THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on <i>Sunday, November 17th</i> after the Worship Service to elect officers and the Nominating Committee for 2020. Please plan on attending.		

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SHARON CUZNER – A Memorial Service will be held for Sharon Cuzner on *Monday, November 18th, at 10:00am* in our sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

GATHER FOR PRAYER – 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 17th**. Special envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary or in the church foyer. You may also use pew envelopes.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY — *Resumes This Tuesday, November 5th*. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 11:30am at the home of Kathy Belville, 6400 Taylor Rd #211, Punta Gorda. We are continuing our study with Session #9 of “Unshakable Hope” by Max Lucado. Call Kathy at 508-733-0546 for more information and directions to her home. *To carpool from the church, please meet by 9:45am. All women are invited to join us for study, fellowship and refreshments.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Bible Study (Book of *Romans*), led by Pastor Steve, meets *Wednesday, November 6th, 10:00am* in the Conference Room. *All are welcome!*

GAME FELLOWSHIP – Join us on *Thursdays from 10am to Noon* in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.

RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday, November 10th**. Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.

POT LUCK DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30pm* – The movie is “Tuck Everlasting”. Sign up in the church foyer and *bring your favorite dish to pass.*

SOCIABLE SINGLES – Sign up for these lunches in the church foyer: *Friday, November 15th, 12:00pm* at Red Lobster, Port Charlotte
Friday, December 6th, 12:00pm at Monty’s Restaurant, Punta Gorda

CALL FOR CHOIR MEMBERS — If you love to sing praises to God, the Chancel Choir needs you! We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the sanctuary and warm-up at 10:00am on Sunday mornings for the Worship Service. Join us this Thursday!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP – We are looking for interested folks to help serve beverages and cookies at Fellowship Hour Sunday mornings. Please call Jean Cleffi at 941-639-6395.

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).

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, 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		
November 3rd thru November 10th		
<u>Sunday, November 3</u>		
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	
<u>Monday, November 4</u>		
10:00am	Fellowship Team	
1:00pm	Worship Team	
7:00pm	Bion Cantorum	
<u>Tuesday, November 5</u>		
10:00am	Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study	
<u>Wednesday, November 6</u>		
10:00am	Bible Study	
<u>Thursday, November 7</u>		
10:00am	Game Fellowship	
5:30pm	Praise Team	
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
<u>Sunday, November 10</u>	Dedication Sunday	
10:30am	Worship Service	
11:45am	Special Congregational Meeting	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	

SERMON NOTES

Jeremiah 29:10-13 (NIV)

This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

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

November 3, 201910:30am

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.

PASTOR	Rev. Steve Mock
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