

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDEPanis Angelicusarr. Martha Setchell
Piano/Organ Duet – Debbie Rostad and Randy Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROITI LiveRich Cook
Chancel Choir

*HYMN #87Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and generous God, we confess that too often we take for granted all the blessings we’ve received from Your loving hand. We demand our rights or feel others owe us. This spirit of entitlement forgets our total dependence upon You for everything. Please forgive us and help us to be thankful for all we have and for Your care and love. (Silent Confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI #813

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHTaken from the Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

ANTHEMO Come Let Us Sing to the LordAngerman/Martin
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSETurn Your Eyes Upon JesusHelen Lemmel

OFFERTORYHow Great Thou Art
Debbie Rostad, Soprano and Randy Curtis, Piano

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, as You have shared life and love with us, lead us to share even more generously our lives and our love. May we know that as we give and share, others come to know You in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to You so that through Your church we might be helpful and generous in love to a world in great need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTUREMatthew 6:25-34

MESSAGEHaving the Right FocusPastor Steve Mock

*HYMN #786Count Your Blessings

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSEThreefold AmenR. P. Curtis

*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 #504130561

9:00am New Beginnings Service		
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*OPENING	<i>The River Is Here</i>	
*PRAISING GOD IN SONG	<i>Rock of Ages</i> <i>Rock of My Salvation</i> <i>Seek Ye First</i>	
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PRAYER		
OFFERING	<i>Shine Jesus Shine</i>	
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>10,000 Reasons</i> New Beginnings Praise Team	
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 6:25-34	
MESSAGE	<i>Having the Right Focus</i>	Pastor Steve Mock
*CLOSING SONG	<i>Shepherd of My Soul</i>	
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<u>MINISTRY OF PRAYER</u>		
<i>Prayer Focus</i>		
<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 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.		
<i>Those Who Grieve</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pray for Carol Crockett and family, whose husband Sam went home to the Lord on March 31st.• Pray for Marjorie Haun and family, whose husband Ken went home to the Lord on April 7th.		
<i>Those with Special Needs</i>		
Rachel Pfaender	Rev. Larry Yerger	
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson	
Ella Sifferd	Nancy Beasom	
Dianne Sizemore	Cara Coletti	
Joe Brooks	Joe Cherny	
Helmut Ehrhardt	Rick Berner	
Jean Cleffi	Lynn Lang	
Jerry Smith		
<i>Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes</i>		
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>	
<i>Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.</i>		
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CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
MAY NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.		
FLOWERS – The flowers today are given to the Glory of God.		

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER WORSHIP CHANGE – STARTING SUNDAY, MAY 20TH, and running through October 14th, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service **Sundays at 10am.**

LET’S PAINT THE CHURCH – We have raised **\$6,931 towards our goal of \$8,200!** If you would like to make a special offering to help paint the exterior of our church, please write “Paint” on the memo line of your check or pew envelope. Thank you for celebrating in God’s blessings to FPC.

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.

CROSSROADS – Crossroads New Hope Academy invites us to BE THE ONE, during the 2018 Giving Challenge. Your donation is matched by the The Patterson Foundation from \$25 to \$100 per donor. ***Donations must be made via credit card online between noon May 1st and noon May 2nd to be eligible for the match.*** Visit www.givingpartnerchallenge.org; enter Crossroads in upper right hand search box, and follow the link to make the donation. Call Fay at 941-391-5537 with questions. *Help us continue to help Crossroads.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY THIS Tuesday, May 1st at 10am. Our study is from Elizabeth George’s *A Woman after God’s Own Heart* series. We meet at the home of Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, PGI. All women are invited.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Larry’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. ***All are welcome!***

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – Thursday, May 3rd at noon at the Punta Gorda City Hall Annex on Harvey Street. Please join with others around Punta Gorda to pray for our community, state and nation.

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) - will meet at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport **THIS Thursday, May 3rd at 8:00am.** Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

THE SECOND CUP (of coffee) – You’re invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group **THIS Thursday, May 3rd at 9:15am** in the Conference Room. We are studying the Gospel of John, (NIV Bible as the textbook). Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.

SOCIABLE SINGLES – Please sign up in the church foyer for these events: **THIS Friday, May 4th, 12:00pm** – Sandra’s Restaurant, Punta Gorda. No Carpool. **Friday, May 18th, 12:00pm** – Mary Margaret’s Tea & Bisquit, Arcadia. Meet at the church at 11am.

POTLUCK DINNER AND MISSIONARY GUESTS – Wednesday, May 16th at 5:30pm. Our Guest speaker is Eric Stone and his family, our missionaries from Guatemala. Sign up in the church foyer and share the following (last names beginning with):

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

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR RANDY & DIANE CURTIS – Sunday, May 20th, following the morning service. Please join us for a reception honoring Randy and Diane as they finish their time with us to begin their new life in Pennsylvania.

NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME MINISTRY – Is someone moving into a house down the street from you? Our church’s Visitation Team would like you to call the church office and let us know the address only. We’d love to deliver a Welcome Bag to them. God Bless!

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 - Let us see the blue food bin overflowing each week. **Some suggestions: peanut butter, jelly, cereal and soup.**

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Special Music is available in an mp3 format by emailing Randy at rpc1220@me.com. 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		
April 29th thru May 6th		
<u>Sunday, April 29</u>		
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	
<u>Tuesday, May 1</u>		
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners	
<u>Wednesday, May 2</u>		
10:00am	Bible Study	
<u>Thursday, May 3</u>	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.	
9:15am	Second Cup Bible Study	
5:30pm	Praise Team	
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
<u>Friday, May 4</u>		
12:00pm	Sociable Singles	
<u>Sunday, May 7</u>		
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship	
10:30am	Traditional Worship	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

25“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

April 29, 2018

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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