

Order of Worship		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>We All Believe in One True God</i>	J. S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP		
INTROIT	<i>Give God Thanks</i>	Beall/Larson Chancel Choir
*HYMN #807 <i>My Country, 'Tis of Thee</i>		
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. <i>(Silent Confession)</i>		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		
*GLORIA PATRI #813		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH <i>The First Creed – Ephesians 4:4-7 NKJV (Unison)</i>		
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	<i>Patriot's Prayer</i>	D. Nichols/J. Koerts Chancel Choir
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM <i>Carmelo Josiah Hall</i>		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
RESPONSE	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	P. Bliss/D. Moore
OFFERTORY	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	arr. Rick Parks
*DOXOLOGY #815		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Generous God, we dedicate our offering to the work and ministries of Your church. We also dedicate our commitment to Your church in the coming year with our pledges of support. Please multiply our commitments so that we can continue to build Your kingdom of love in Punta Gorda and beyond. We dedicate them in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Shine on Us</i>	Michael W. and Deborah Smith Praise Team
SCRIPTURE Psalm 19		
MESSAGE	<i>God's Communication</i>	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #410 <i>Standing on the Promises</i>		
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	<i>May the Grace of God Our Savior</i>	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		
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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 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 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 Charles Sampsel in memory of his mother, Marion Sampsel.
BAPTISM – Today we celebrate the baptism of Carmelo Josiah Hall, son of Cara Coletti and Corey Hall.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES		
WE WELCOME REV. DR. BARKSDALE PULLEN III as our guest preacher this morning. Dr. Pullen is the candidate being presented today to be the next pastor of our church.		
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY – 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. <i>All covenant partners should attend this meeting to vote on the call. Friends are also welcome.</i>		
2020 PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY - Today we 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 <i>Next Sunday, November 17th</i> after the Worship Service to elect officers and the Nominating Committee for 2020. Please plan on attending.		
THANKSGIVING GIFTING – Donations for Charlotte County families <i>continue through next Sunday, November 17th</i> . 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.		

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.

TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall *this Monday, November 11th at 10am*.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Articles for the December newsletter are due in the office by *this Monday, November 11th*.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Bible Study (Book of *Romans*), led by Pastor Steve, meets *this Wednesday, November 13th, 10:00am* in Fellowship Hall. *All are welcome!*

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

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, November 14th 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, November 14th at 9:15am* in the Conference Room. Dave Sifferd leads this study, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.

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

SOCIABLE SINGLES – Sign up for these lunches in the church foyer: *This Friday, November 15th, 12:00pm* at Red Lobster, Port Charlotte

Friday, December 6th, 12:00pm at Monty's Restaurant, Punta Gorda

DEACON'S FUND – NEXT Sunday, November 17th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

SIGN UP TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH - Friday, November 29th at 10:00am we assemble the decorations and set up the Christmas trees. On *Saturday, November 30th 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!!!

CHRISTMAS GATHERING DINNER — *Saturday, December 7th at 5:30pm*. Save this date and watch the bulletin for more details.

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.

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 10th thru November 17th		
<u>Sunday, November 10</u>	Dedication Sunday	
11:45am	Special Congregational Meeting	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	
<u>Monday, November 11</u>	Veteran’s Day	
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering	
7:00pm	Bion Cantorum	
<u>Tuesday, November 12</u>		
10:00am	Mission Team	
<u>Wednesday, November 13</u>		
10:00am	Bible Study	
5:30pm	Pot Luck Dinner and Movie	
<u>Thursday, November 14</u>		
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.	
9:15am	Second Cup	
10:00am	Game Fellowship	
5:30pm	Praise Team	
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
<u>Friday, November 15</u>		
12:00pm	Sociable Singles	
<u>Sunday, November 17</u>		
10:30am	Worship Service	
11:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 19 (NIV)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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 10, 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.

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