

10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Virgil Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN #793

For the Beauty of the Earth

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*PRAISE SONGS #107

Lord I Lift Your Name on High  
Shout to the Lord

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Give Me a Vision  
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

\*RESPONSE #815

Doxology

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Thanks be to you, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Revelation Song  
New Beginnings Praise Team

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:13-29

MESSAGE

The Most Important Decision

Pastor Steve Mock

\*HYMN #526

The Solid Rock

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #189

Alleluia

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.  
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504130561

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 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.

Those Who Grieve

- Pray for Dave Woods and family, whose wife Barbara went home to the Lord on May 4th.

Those with Special Needs:

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Rev. Larry Yerger
Helen Anderson	Ella Sifferd	Dianne Sizemore
Cara Coletti	Nancy Beasom	Joe Brooks
Joe Cherny	Helmut Ehrhardt	Rick Berner
Jean Cleffi	Lynn Lang	Jerry Smith

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.

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

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

PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Kay Callahan in celebration of her son, Ken Everson’s birthday.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER WORSHIP – Through October 14th, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) worship service on Sundays at 10am.

ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Harrison James Ray, 2nd great-grandson of Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale. Harrison was born April 25th to Kelly and Bradley.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR RANDY & DIANE CURTIS – TODAY, following the morning service. Please join us for a reception honoring Randy and Diane.

GATHER FOR PRAYER – Please join others on Sunday mornings at 9:40am in the Conference Room to pray for our worship service. 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.

**DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY** – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

**THANK YOU** – Words cannot adequately express the gratitude we have for this congregation for the support and love you have shown us over the years. You are a tremendously loving group who truly supports each other and shares the love that Jesus has put in your hearts. We truly appreciate your words of gratitude and thanks and will remember this congregation as one who serves the Lord with gladness. No matter where we serve our Lord, we will always be united as brothers and sisters in Christ. Blessings to all! *Randy and Diane*

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

**SOCIABLE SINGLES** – Please sign up now in the church foyer for these upcoming events:

**Friday, June 1st, 12:00pm** – Carmelo's Italian Ristorante, Punta Gorda.

**Friday, June 15th, 12:00pm** – Mainely Seafood, Burnt Store.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – Join us on **Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30pm** for an Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**CROSSROADS MINISTRY** – If you would like to donate to the ministry of Crossroads Hope Academy, please make checks payable to FPC and on the memo line write "Crossroads."

**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.

**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).

**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**May 20th thru May 27th**

<b><u>Sunday, May 20</u></b>	
11:00am	Farewell Reception for Randy & Diane
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<b><u>Monday, May 21</u></b>	
1:00pm	Session
<b><u>Tuesday, May 22</u></b>	
10:00am	Game Morning
<b><u>Wednesday, May 23</u></b>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<b><u>Sunday, May 27</u></b>	
10:00am	Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

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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*

**May 20, 2018**

**10:00am**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Steve Mock
<b>ASSISTANT PASTOR</b>	Rev. Larry Yerger
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	Randall Curtis
<b>OFFICE MANAGER</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>USHERS</b>	Phyllis Ehrhardt, Helmut Ehrhardt, Carol Zutter, Jene Shafer