

10:30am Worship Service		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ</i>	J. S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP		
INTROIT	<i>Make a Joyful Noise</i>	A. Pote
Chancel Choir		
*HYMN #370		
<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i>		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Father in heaven, have mercy on us. We are sinful, prideful, selfish people. We spend so much time looking out for ourselves, trampling on the people closest to us as a result. We have broken our relationships with friends, with our children, with our spouses. Oh, how desperately we need a Savior! Break our hearts and teach them how to love again. Help us not to fear love, but to love courageously. Forgive us for failing. Thank You for picking us up and restoring us. We trust You and love You. In Your holy name, Amen. <i>(Silent Confession)</i>		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		
*GLORIA PATRI #813		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from <i>The Westminster Confession of Faith</i>)		
All those that are justified, God promises, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption: by which they are taken into the number and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have His Name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for and chastened by Him as by a Father; yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.		
ANTHEM	<i>Lead, Kindly Light</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
RESPONSE	<i>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</i>	Whelpton/arr. D. Moore
OFFERTORY	<i>Fugue in d minor</i>	Johann Pachelbel
*DOXOLOGY #815		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Holy One, like Abraham and Sarah, we have heard Your call. We respond with fledgling faith, offering what we have as we step into the unknown future with You. Bless and multiply these gifts of faith, we pray, to accomplish more than we dare think or ask. In Jesus’ name. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE	John 8:12; 9:1-7	
MESSAGE	<i>I Am the Light of the World</i>	Pastor Steve Mock
*HYMN #293		
<i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i>		
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	<i>May the Peace of God Surround You</i>	E. Matheny
*Please stand, if able		
Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.		
<i>Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service</i>		
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9:00am Praise Service		
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OPENING	<i>How Majestic Is Your Name</i>	
*PRAISING GOD IN SONG	<i>10,000 Reasons</i> <i>I Am Somebody</i> <i>Amazing Love</i>	
PRAYER		
OFFERING	<i>In His Time</i>	
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i> Praise Team	
SCRIPTURE		John 8:12; 9:1-7
MESSAGE	<i>I Am the Light of the World</i>	Pastor Steve Mock
*CLOSING SONG	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	
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<u>MINISTRY OF PRAYER</u>		
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 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 with Special Needs		
Rachel Pfaender	Rev. Larry Yerger	
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson	
Ella Sifferd	Nancy Beasom	
Dianne Sizemore	Cara Coletti	
Joe Brooks	Joe Cherny	
Helmut Ehrhardt	Pauli Purcell	
Jean Cleffi	Lynn Lang	
Jerry Smith	Arlene Gebel	
Jean Hinman	Glee Miller	
Rick Berner	John Stremming	
Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes		
Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>	
Jean Hinman, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Mae Snyder, <i>Port Charlotte Rehab</i>	
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>		
<i>Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.</i>		

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

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

PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Kathy and Roy Belville in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Emmitt Strazar, 6th great grandchild of Nancy Murphy. Emmit was born on March 10th to Corey and Kelli Strazar of St. Louis, Missouri.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

PRAYERS FOR PNC – Be in prayer for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they search for a new pastor for our congregation.

DEACON’S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, Punta Gorda Veterans Village, and others.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS THIS AFTERNOON 3pm – 5:30pm, Pastor Steve Mock will be holding C.L.A.S.S. 101, *Becoming a Covenant Partner*. Anyone interested in becoming a member/covenant partner of First Presbyterian Church is invited to attend this seminar.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY meets ***THIS Tuesday, March 19th at 10am***, at the home of Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, PGI. We are studying “Unshakable Hope” by Max Lucado. Our study session is one and a half hours long with time for fellowship and refreshments. All women are invited.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Pastor Larry’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. Our current study is “The Revelation of John”. *All are welcome!*

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) - meets at Sky View Café at the PG Airport ***THIS Thursday, March 21st at 8:00am***. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

THE SECOND CUP (of coffee) – You’re invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group ***THIS Thursday, March 21st at 9:15am*** in the Conference Room. Dave Sifferd leads this study. Bring a friend and join us this Thursday.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PICNIC MARCH 30TH – Please join us for a Picnic **Saturday, March 30th at 12:00pm** at the home of Kay Callahan, 434 Exuma Court, PG. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Meat, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Sign up in the church foyer.

SOCIABLE SINGLES – Please sign up in the church foyer for these events: ***Friday, April 5th, 12:00pm*** – Ruby Tuesday, Port Charlotte

Friday, April 19th, 1:00pm – Phil’s 41 Restaurant, Punta Gorda

MISSIONARY LISA ALFONSI HERE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH – Lisa will worship with us on ***Sunday, April 7th***, in our second service. Please plan to attend and stay for a reception for Lisa in Fellowship Hall following the service.

LUNCH WITH LISA – Please join us for lunch with Lisa Alfonsi on ***Monday, April 8th, 12:00pm at Laishleys Crab House in Punta Gorda***.

BION CANTORUM CONCERT – ***Sunday, April 7th at 3pm in our Sanctuary***. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available at the door.

WOMEN’S SPRING TEA – ***Tuesday, April 9th at 2:30pm***. All FPC women and guests are cordially invited to our second Women’s Tea in Fellowship Hall. Marie Ludvig will present a program about “Teas”. Please sign up in the church foyer.

POT LUCK DINNER AND PRESENTATION of “CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER” – ***Friday, April 12th, 5:30pm***. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The presentation will be by Danielle Stavi, who is serving with Jews for Jesus in Tel Aviv. A free will offering will be received. Sign up in the church foyer.

WISHLIST FOR CROSSROADS – Crossroads Hope Academy is seeking items for their “token economy store”. The kids are able to shop at this store using their ‘behavior bucks’. If you are interested in helping, please pick up a copy of the “Wishlist” on the sign-up table in the foyer.

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.”

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	
March 17th thru March 24th	
<u>Sunday, March 17</u> 6:00pm	Second Sunday in Lent Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, March 18</u> 1:00pm 7:00pm	Session Bion Cantorum Rehearsal
<u>Tuesday, March 19</u> 10:00am	Women’s Bible Study at the Cuzners
<u>Wednesday, March 20</u> 10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, March 21</u> 8:00am 9:15am 10:00am 5:45pm 7:00pm	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. Second Cup Game Fellowship Praise Team Choir Rehearsal
<u>Sunday, March 24</u> 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Third Sunday in Lent Praise Service Traditional Worship Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

John 8:12; 9:1-7 (NIV)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,”said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,”he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam”(this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

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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

Second Sunday in Lent	
March 17, 2019	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.	
PASTOR	Rev. Steve Mock
ASSISTANT PASTOR	Rev. Larry Yerger
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Stephanie Smith
OFFICE MANAGER	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Barbara Harris
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