

10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fuga” in F major J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #33 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SPECIAL MUSIC Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
New Beginnings Praise Team

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Allegretto Beethoven

*RESPONSE #815 Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*PRAISE SONG #713 Seek Ye First

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-6

MESSAGE The Jealousy of God Pastor Steve Mock

*HYMN #349 O How He Loves You and Me

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #237 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (vs. 1)

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

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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.
- Pray for those affected by Hurricane Florence.

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	Pauli Purcell
Jean Cleffi	Lynn Lang	Jerry Smith
Arlene Gebel		

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.

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

PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by George Fallenbeck in memory of Clare Fallenbeck.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GUESTS – We welcome back Randy and Diane Curtis today to our worship service.

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

ROSES – One rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Nash Zennings, 6th great-great-grandchild of Jene Shafer, born September 8th to Jenna and Greg Zennings; and the other rose is in celebration of Cora Lynn Thornton, 25th great-grandchild of Gail Thornton, born on September 14th to Richard and Molly Thornton.

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.

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 upcoming events: **Friday, October 5th, 12:00pm** at Hurricane Charley’s, Punta Gorda and **Friday, October 19th, 12:00pm** at Carmelo’s Italian Ristorante, Punta Gorda.

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 FPC 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.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially supporting two missionary families through Antioch Partners. If you would like to donate, 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.**

OUR DAILY BREAD – This book of devotionals is on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the **cost of \$37.50**. To donate, sign up in the church foyer. You may list the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK
September 23rd thru September 30th

<u>Sunday, September 23</u>	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
7:00pm	Bion Cantorum rehearsal
<u>Tuesday, September 25</u>	
10:00am	Game Morning
<u>Wednesday, September 26</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, September 27</u>	
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Sunday, September 30</u>	
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

September 23, 2018

10:00am

PASTOR	Rev. Steve Mock
ASSISTANT PASTOR	Rev. Larry Yerger
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
OFFICE MANAGER	Debbie Rostad
GUEST ORGANIST	Randall Curtis
USHERS	Kay Callahan, Diane Culver-Truby, Jean LaMantia, Sharon Russell