

10:30am Worship Service		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	arr. Al Travis
CALL TO WORSHIP		
INTROIT	<i>Give God Thanks</i> Chancel Choir	Beall/Larson
*HYMN #90 <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Holy God, it is so hard to live holy lives in this unholy world. We see immorality and dishonesty all around us. It's easy to be influenced by what we read and see. Please forgive us when we minimize living holy lives. Forgive us when we allow impurity to enter into our lives. Cleanse us by Your Spirit and create in us clean hearts, O God. <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>All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name</i> Chancel Choir	Perronet / Ward
INTRODUCTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
RESPONSE	<i>Threefold Amen</i>	Danish
OFFERTORY	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	arr. Don Freudenberg
*DOXOLOGY #815		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Accept these gifts, O God, as testimonies of our love for You and our desire to serve You. Let these offerings be an affirmation that we are bound to one another as Your people. In Your generous name we pray. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 3:1a, 14-15	
MESSAGE	<i>The First Prophecy</i>	Pastor Larry Yerger
*HYMN #329 <i>There Is Power in the Blood</i>		
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	<i>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	W. Tomer
*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		

9:00am Praise Service		
OPENING		
*PRAISING GOD IN SONG		
PRAYER		
OFFERING		
SPECIAL MUSIC		
SCRIPTURE		
MESSAGE		
*CLOSING SONG		

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 Elaine Schultz and family, whose brother Barton William Vest went home to the Lord on November 19th.

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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>

Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.
PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.
FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Kathy and Roy Belville in memory of their parents.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
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.
PLEDGE CARD – If you haven’t returned your pledge card for 2019, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.
MINISTRY SURVEY FORMS – Last week the Mission committee mailed all of our covenant partners and friends a questionnaire. Please return your completed survey forms to the sign up table in the church foyer. *Thank you!*
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH – Our Christmas outreach this year will be the collection of new children’s books and stuffed animals for Misión Peniel. This is in lieu of our annual shoebox project. Please begin bringing these items and place them in the specially marked box in the church foyer.
CHRISTMAS OFFERING – This year’s Christmas Offering will be given to Crossroads Hope Academy here in Punta Gorda.
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Pastor Larry’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. We will be looking at Messianic Prophecies on **November 28th, December 5th and 19th. 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, November 29th 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, November 29th at 9:15am** in the Conference Room. Dave Sifferd leads this study. Bring a friend and join us this Thursday.
SIGN UP TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH – THIS Friday, November 30th at 10:00am we assemble the decorations and set up the Christmas trees. On **Saturday, December 1st 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!!!
CONCERT AT FPC ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND - You are invited to a concert by Bion Cantorum, the chorus that the Byrons and Gensemers are members of. **The concert is in our Sanctuary NEXT Sunday, December 2nd, at 3:00pm.** Tickets are \$15.00 and will be available at the door.
CHRISTMAS GATHERING DINNER - The Fellowship Team invites you to their 2018 Christmas Dinner **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 5:00PM.** Meat, beverages and cake will be furnished. Please bring your favorite dish for the buffet table. Music will be by Debbie Rostad, Soprano. Sign up in the church foyer.
SOCIABLE SINGLES – Please sign up in the church foyer for these events:
Friday, December 7th, 12:00pm – Red Lobster, Port Charlotte
Friday, December 21st, 12:00pm – LaFiorentina, Punta Gorda
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS LUNCH – All women are invited to our Christmas Lunch on **Saturday, December 15th at 11am** in Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger sandwiches or desserts to share; as well as cookies and cookie tins to package for shut-ins, veterans and police officers.
CHRISTMAS CANTATA – **Sunday, December 16th, at the 10:30am service**, the Chancel Choir will present a Christmas Cantata called “*Invitation to a Miracle*”. Come join us for this special musical presentation that will open your hearts for the season of Christmas. Invite friends and neighbors to attend with you!
CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA – Remember a loved one this Christmas by giving a poinsettia to help decorate the church. Suggested donation is \$7 per poinsettia. Special envelopes for your poinsettia donations are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. **Please return your envelope by December 17th** in order to be listed in a special bulletin insert.
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. St. Vincent de Paul also needs paper products (paper towels and toilet paper).**

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.

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 25th thru December 2nd		
<u>Sunday, November 25</u>	6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, November 26</u>	7:00pm	Bion Cantorum rehearsal
<u>Wednesday, November 28</u>	10:00am	Bible Study
<u>Thursday, November 29</u>	8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
	9:15am	Second Cup
	10:00am	Game Fellowship
	5:45pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, November 30</u>	10:00am	Decorate the Church
<u>Saturday, December 1</u>	10:00am	Decorate the Church
<u>Sunday, December 2</u>	9:00am	Praise Service
	10:30am	Traditional Worship
	3:00pm	Christmas Concert by Bion Cantorum
	6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 3:1a, 14-15 (NRSV)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made...Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike your head, and you will strike His heel.”

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 25, 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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