

10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sinfonia

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Our Song Shall Rise to Thee

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

*HYMN #87

Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know how easy it is to meet our needs and neglect the needs of others. We walk by people every day who are needy and don't even see them. Even when we do, we would rather walk by than offer a helping hand. Sometimes we deliberately ignore what others need because we're afraid or unwilling to leave our comfort zone. Please forgive us for our selfishness. Help us to see the needs of others and the faith to respond in Jesus' name. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI #813

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Westminster Confession of Faith)

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

When He Prayed Beneath the Tree

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer

R. P. Curtis

OFFERTORY

Andante

G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to You, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:43-48

MESSAGE

Love Your Enemies?!

Pastor Steve Mock

*HYMN #429

They'll Know We Are Christians

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

R. P. Curtis

*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

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504130561

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

9:00am New Beginnings Service		
*OPENING		
*PRAISING GOD IN SONG		
PRAYER		
OFFERING		
SPECIAL MUSIC		
SCRIPTURE		
MESSAGE		
*CLOSING SONG		
MINISTRY OF PRAYER		
Prayer Focus		
Those with Special Needs		
Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes		
Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.		

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE		
•	Palm Sunday – March 25 – 9am & 10:30am services	
•	Maundy Thursday – March 29 – 7pm Tenebrae Service	
•	Good Friday – March 30 – 12pm Communion Service	
•	Easter Sunday – April 1	
	– 7:00am	Sunrise Service in east parking lot (please bring your own chair)
	– 9:00am	New Beginnings Praise Worship
	– 10:30am	Traditional Service

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES	
FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Pauli and Bill Purcell.	
MARCH NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.	
PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.	
TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.	
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.	
PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall THIS Monday, March 12th at 10am.	
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Articles for the April newsletter are due in the church office by Tomorrow, March 12th.	
GAME MORNING – Join us THIS Tuesday, March 13th for Game Morning from 10am to Noon in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.	
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Pastor Larry’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!	
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & SOCIABLE SINGLES PICNIC – Please join us for a Picnic THIS Friday, March 16th 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 on the sheet in the church foyer.	
DEACON’S FUND – NEXT Sunday, March 18th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.	
ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER – Please join us on Wednesday, March 21st at 5:30pm for a St. Patrick’s Day Dinner in Fellowship Hall, featuring corned beef and cabbage. The featured guest is Yvette Fox, Powerlifter, who will speak and present her testimony. A suggested donation for this dinner is \$5.00 per person. Sign up now in the church foyer.	
EASTER LILIES – We will be decorating the church with lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate one in remembrance or honor of a loved one, please use the offering envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$7 for each lily. Please have your envelope back by MONDAY, MARCH 26TH, so that we can recognize you in the bulletin insert we are publishing.	
TENEBRAE SERVICE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH, 7:00PM – On Maundy Thursday our Choir will present a dramatic work called “Hope in the Shadows”. This service will be filled with familiar music and narration and culminates in a very familiar and reflective song.	
GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE – A Communion Service will be held on Good Friday, March 30th at 12:00pm.	
LIVING CROSS – We are requesting flowers and greenery for the “living cross” which will be presented Easter morning. Please bring greeneries at 10am on Saturday, March 31st - and the flowers at 8am on Easter Sunday. Please sign up in the church foyer to help with the “living cross”.	
SUNRISE SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY – The Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday morning, April 1st at 7:00am in the east parking lot.	
“THE STORY OF JESUS” – The Fellowship Team is planning an excursion to see the Passion Play “The Story of Jesus” on Friday, April 6th at 7:30pm at Cattleman’s Arena, Wauchula, FL. Tickets are \$23.00 per person for bleacher seating. Sign up now in the church foyer.	
WOMEN’S EVENT APRIL 28TH — The sign up sheet is now available in the church foyer to register for a simulcast presentation by Priscilla Shirer at our church. See the March newsletter for details.	
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.	

NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME MINISTRY – Is someone moving into a house down the street from you? Our church’s Visitation Team would like you to call the church office and let us know the address only. We’d love to deliver a Welcome Bag to them. God Bless!

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 - Let us see the blue food bin overflowing each week. **Some suggestions: peanut butter, jelly, cereal and soup.**

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. For questions, ask Randy or Diane Curtis.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Special Music is available in an mp3 format by emailing Randy at rpc1220@me.com. 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		
March 11th thru March 18th		
<u>Sunday, March 11</u>	Fourth Sunday in Lent	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	
<u>Monday, March 12</u>	Newsletter Deadline	
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering	
<u>Tuesday, March 13</u>		
10:00am	Welcome Team	
10:00am	Game Morning	
1:30pm	Mission Team	
<u>Wednesday, March 14</u>		
10:00am	Bible Study	
<u>Thursday, March 15</u>		
5:30pm	Praise Team	
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
<u>Friday, March 16</u>		
12:00pm	Picnic – PW & Sociable Singles	
<u>Sunday, March 18</u>	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
9:00am	New Beginnings Worship	
10:30am	Traditional Worship	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent	
March 11, 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.

PASTOR	Rev. Steve Mock
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