

Order of Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit

Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. from Beethoven
Chancel Choir

*HYMN #295

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, You have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let Your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI #813

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed *(Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Light

J. Martin / B. Nix
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear Us As We Pray, O Lord

Boyd Bacon

OFFERTORY

What Wondrous Love is This

arr. Daniel Pinkham

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

*HYMN #240

Of the Father's Love Begotten

SCRIPTURE

John 1:14

MESSAGE

Word Becomes Flesh

Pastor Barksdale Pullen

*HYMN #497

I Will Praise Him

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Father, Give Thy Benediction

Clayton Lloyd Moore

*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 service

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER	
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 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	Arlene Gebel
Kay Callahan	Helen Anderson
Ella Sifferd	Nancy Beasom
Dianne Sizemore	Rick Berner
Joe Brooks	Pauli Purcell
Helmut Ehrhardt	Lynn Lang
Jean Cleffi	Jene Shafer
Irene Csontos	Frances Frost
Jerry Smith	
Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes	
Glee Miller, Sandhill Gardens	Marion Brown, Royal Palm
Jean Hinman, The Palms of Punta Gorda	Mae Snyder, Port Charlotte Rehab
Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.	

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.
JANUARY NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.
PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.
FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Joan Hoffman in Loving memory of George.

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.

WHEELCHAIR MINISTRY IN PERU – JANUARY FUNDRAISER – The Mission Committee is holding a special fundraiser this month for the purchase of wheelchairs to support the ministry of our missionary Lisa Alfonsi in Lima, Peru. The cost of one of three types of wheelchairs is \$80. They are given away at no cost to the recipients. To contribute to this cause, please make checks payable to FPC and list “Wheelchairs” on the memo line. *Thank you from the Mission Team!*

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. *Sundays are available in February and March.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – This Bible Study meets *this Wednesday, January 29th at 10:00am* and will be led by Pastor Barksdale. The title of this study is “Great Words”. Join us as we look at the great words of our faith, such as *Gospel, Salvation, Predestination, Redemption, Forgiveness*, and more..... *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) – will meet at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport *this Thursday, January 30th at 8:00am*. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

THE SECOND CUP (of coffee) – You're invited to be part of a Bible study discussion group *this Thursday, January 30th at 9:15am* in the Conference Room. Dave Sifferd leads this study, using the NIV Bible as the textbook. Bring a friend and join us on Thursday morning for a Second Cup.

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

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY – *Next Sunday, February 2nd*, come prepared to put your cans of soup in the food bin and/or \$\$\$\$ in the empty soup pots, which will be used for food for the hungry of Charlotte County.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Meets Tuesday, February 4th and 18th (Lessons 2 and 3)* with a study called “Redeemed” by Dr. Sam Nadler. This study is based on the book of Ruth. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 11:30am at the home of Kathy Belville, 6400 Taylor Rd #211 Eagle, Punta Gorda. Call Kathy at 508-733-0546 for more information and directions to her home. *To carpool from the church, please meet by 9:45am. All women are invited to join us for study, fellowship and refreshments.*

SOCIABLE SINGLES – Sign up for this lunch in the church foyer: *Friday, February 7th, 12:00pm* at La Fiorentina, Punta Gorda
Friday, February 21st, 12:00pm at Pioneer Pizza, Port Charlotte

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING – On *Sunday, February 9th*, we will have our annual congregational meeting at 11:30am. Please plan on attending.

TURKEY & NOODLES DINNER AND A MOVIE – *Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30pm* – Come join us for a Turkey & Noodles Dinner by Chef Gail Thornton in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the church foyer.

ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held *Sunday, February 16th at 11:45am* in our Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden.

CONCERT SERIES – *Sunday, February 16th at 3:00pm* – The Isaac Mingus Trio joins us for our third concert of our new Annual Concert Series program. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$10.00. Season brochures are in the church foyer.

MYAKKA RIVER TOUR AND LUNCH AT SNOOK HAVEN – *Friday, February 21st* – The Fellowship Team has arranged a river boat tour and lunch at Snook Haven. To carpool from the church, meet at 1:30pm. If you want to meet us at Snook Haven, be there at 2:30pm. The cost for the river boat tour is \$20.00. The cost for Lunch is extra. More information about the river tour can be found at <https://loganrivertours.com>. Sign up in the church 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.”

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP CROSSROADS – When you place an order from *Amazon*, please consider going to <https://smile.amazon.com> 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, 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 Barksdale’s prayer email list, please email Pastor Barksdale at bmpullen3@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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK		
January 26th thru February 2nd		
<u>Sunday, January 26</u>		
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	
<u>Monday, January 27</u>		
7:00pm	Bion Cantorum	
<u>Wednesday, January 29</u>		
10:00am	Bible Study	
<u>Thursday, January 30</u>		
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.	
9:15am	Second Cup	
10:00am	Game Fellowship	
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
<u>Sunday, February 2</u>		
10:30am	Worship Service	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting	

SERMON NOTES

John 1:14 (ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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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

January 26, 2020

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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