

Order of Worship		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Variations on Amazing Grace	Kevin Norris
CALL TO WORSHIP		
INTROIT	Were the Whole Realm of Nature Mine	Ellen Purchase
	Chancel Choir	
*HYMN #21	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to love others according to Your will. We judge them and make assumptions about others without ever trying to take the time to understand them. We see them not with the eyes of Jesus, but with our selfish eyes. Please forgive us and help us in this season of Lent to remember that Jesus came to give His life for all people. May we show grace and mercy to others just as You have done for us. (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	Anthem For Lent	Jay Althouse
	Chancel Choir	
PASTORAL PRAYER		
RESPONSE	Fourfold Amen	I. L. Jennings
OFFERTORY	He Knows My Name	Tommy Walker
	Stephanie Smith and Gail Thornton	
*DOXOLOGY #815		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for You. Multiply them and use them to build Your church in this community. May they extend Your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of Your people. In His name we pray. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE	John 13:1-20	
MESSAGE	Serve One Another	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #123	How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds	
INSTALLATION OF DEACON		
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	God Be with You till We Meet Again	R. V. Williams
*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	Kay Callahan
Ella Sifferd	Nancy Beasom
Dianne Sizemore	Larrie Tisdale
Jean Cleffi	Irene Csontos
David Richards	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	
Please keep the office updated concerning your requests	

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 are given today by Nancy and Andy Smith in memory of their parents.

CONNECT WITH OUR CHURCH

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.
PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, March 9th at 10am.**
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – This Bible Study meets **this Wednesday, March 11th at 10:00am** and will be led by Pastor Barksdale. **We are studying the book of Jonah..... All are welcome!**

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER – **This Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30pm** – Come join us for a St. Patrick’s Day Dinner by Chef Bonnie Brown in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by *Simply Faith (The Joy King Singers)*. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Sign up in the church foyer.
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, March 12th 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, March 12th 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – **Meets Tuesday, March 17th (Lesson 5)** of “Redeemed” by Dr. Sam Nadler. This study, based on the book of Ruth, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 10-11:30am at the home of Kathy Belville, 6400 Taylor Rd #211 Eagle, PG. Call Kathy at 508-733-0546 for 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, March 20th, 12:00pm** at Olive Garden, Port Charlotte
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.
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.
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.

CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

TODAY IS RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – Thank you for helping feed the migrant workers in Immokalee.
DEACON’S FUND – **Next Sunday, March 15th,** is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.
LOOKING FOR THE MISSIONS’ TUBS IN THE LOBBY? They are not gone, just placed in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and see the new display, and don’t forget those donations for those in need in our community!
CONCERT SERIES – SUNDAY MARCH 22ND AT 3:00PM in our Sanctuary – The **Southwest Florida Hand Bell Ensemble** will present the fourth concert of our Annual Concert Series program. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$10.00. Season brochures are in the church foyer.
“CHORAL GEMS” CONCERT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 3:00PM – Join **Bion Cantorum** in our Sanctuary for a concert of “*Choral Gems.*” Maestro Engler presents a discussion of the concert at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. They are available from our choir director, Joan, Ray Byron, Ron and Neta Gensemer; who all sing with this chorus.
VETERANS VILLAGE IN PUNTA GORDA - The Veterans hold Flea Markets on Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to help between 9:00-12:30 or 12:30-4:00. If you would like to reach out to our community, this is an easy way and a big help to raise money for the needs of veterans who are trying to better their lives. Please call Gail at 941-916-1726 or at the church office for more information and to volunteer.
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 of food or supplies in the plastic bin in Fellowship Hall.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Place donations of *gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts* in the plastic bin in Fellowship Hall to support our mission work at Misión Peniel.

FURRY FRIENDS – Our furry friends need your help! In Fellowship Hall there is a plastic bin where you can put dog and cat food, animal toys and gently used blankets and towels. Donations are sent to the Animal Shelter.

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

CONNECT WITH OUR WORLD

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).

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.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK
March 8th thru March 15th**

<u>Sunday, March 8</u>	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, March 9</u>	
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
7:00pm	Bion Cantorum
<u>Tuesday, March 10</u>	
10:00am	Mission Team
<u>Wednesday, March 11</u>	
10:00am	Bible Study
5:30pm	St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
<u>Thursday, March 12</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, March 15</u>	
10:30am	Worship Service
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

SERMON NOTES

John 13:1-20 (ESV)

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

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March 8, 2020

10:30 am



This morning as we join in Worship our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. If you are living in the area, whether permanently or seasonally, or just passing through, we warmly welcome you, and are delighted that you have chosen to join with us in Worship of our Triune God. We would love to get to know you better, and invite you join us in the Fellowship Hall after the Service for a time of refreshments.

Welcome to First Pres – Punta Gorda, FL

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