

## THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### 9:00am New Beginnings Service

*GATHERING SONG	<i>Lord, I Lift Your Name on High</i>
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
*PRAISING GOD IN SONG	<i>Great Is the Lord Cry of My Heart Make Me a Servant</i>
PRAYER	
OFFERING	<i>Father, I Adore You</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Riversongs</i> New Beginnings Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Romans 9:1-13
MESSAGE	<i>What About Israel?</i> Rev. Steve Mock
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
*CLOSING SONG	<i>Willing Heart</i>

### 10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRELUDE	<i>Meditation</i> arr. Hal H. Hopson
CALL TO WORSHIP	
INTROIT	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i> Stan Pethel Chancel Choir
*HYMN #128	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>
PRAYER OF CONFESSION <i>(Unison)</i>	
Gracious God, God of manna in the desert, God who nourished a hungry crowd with loaves and fishes, we admit that we find it difficult to trust your abundance. We hoard what we have because it makes us feel secure. We keep score within our relationships, filing away mental tallies of our own good works and the shortcomings of others. We are happy to follow Christ — to a point. And when confronted by the gospel or challenged in our complacency, we make excuses. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust your grace that defies logic; help us to live in your extravagant love and boundless mercy. Give us the will to live all of life in service to you, our strength and Redeemer. <i>(Silent Confession)</i>	
WORDS OF ASSURANCE	
*GLORIA PATRI #813	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The First Creed – Ephesians 4:4-7 NKJV <i>(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>Lamb of God</i> arr. Lloyd Larson
PASTORAL PRAYER	
RESPONSE	<i>Hear Our Prayer</i> Randall Curtis
OFFERTORY	<i>Minuetto</i> C. Hurlebusch
*DOXOLOGY #815	

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

Lord God, who has given to us so many gifts, your generosity is sometimes even more than we can comprehend. We praise you for all your loving gifts. Now we bring to you our gifts. May these gifts that we bring now, and our lives, be dedicated by you for service and ministry. May all that we do show to the entire world your great love for all humankind. In the name Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Romans 9:1-13
MESSAGE	<i>What About Israel?</i> Rev. Steve Mock
*HYMN #461	<i>In Remembrance</i>

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*HYMN #231	<i>Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart</i>
*BENEDICTION	
*RESPONSE	<i>Threefold Amen</i> Randall Curtis

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 10:30am service*

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER

#### Prayer Focus of the Month

- Pray for our denomination and church during these days of turmoil and discernment
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world, especially the Christian pastor imprisoned in Iran.

#### Those Who Grieve

#### Those with Special Needs

Jim & Marion Brown	Fred Pfaender
Marlene Wilson	Paul Gebel
Bob Kiskaddon	Al Churchill
George Hauck	Dick & Phyllis Botticelli
Jerry & Nancy Julius	Richard & Doris Lindsey
Rich Wilkinson	Barbara Shinn
Walter Scott	Rev. Larry Yerger
John Truby	Dotty Anderson
Leonard Stroth	Fran Koon
Tim Hobert	Ed Richardson
Ray Foley	

#### Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Dorothy Blue, *Harbour Terrace* Sarah Ferry, *H & S Manor*  
*\*Please keep the office updated concerning your requests. Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your cell phone.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS** – THE SESSION WANTS TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE ISSUES REGARDING OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U. S. A.). PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE SMALL GROUPS WE ARE OFFERING OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. ACTIVE MEMBERS USE THE ACTIVE MEMBERS SIGN-UP SHEET AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS USE THE ONE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THEM. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS TRY TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE SMALL GROUPS. THANKS.

**FLOWERS** – The flowers this morning are given by Joan Hoffman in memory of George's birthday.

**PRAYER SERVICE** – A weekly prayer service is being offered on **Sunday evenings at 6:00pm** in the Conference Room. Come and share in this experience of God's people praying together.

**"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY IS TODAY** – 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING** – We will have our annual congregational meeting at **11:30am today**. Please help yourself to the **Annual Reports** on the table in the back of the sanctuary, which contain the agenda, 2011 reports and the 2012 budget. Please plan on attending.

**BLOOD PRESSURES** – Will be taken **next Sunday from 9:45am to 10:45am** in the Conference Room.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** continues on **Tuesday, February 7th at 10am**. The study will be held at the home of Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda the first and third Tuesday of each month through May. The study will be on *"Life Principles from the Women of the Bible"* and is open to all women of the church. Refreshments will be served; each study is about an hour and a half.

**R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace)** – The Men's Fellowship R.O.M.E.O.S. will be meeting at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at 8:00am on **Thursday, February 9th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet **Saturday, February 11th at 11:00am** for a Valentine Tea. Dust off your hats and pearls; we will have a judging for the most elaborate. All women of the church are invited. Bring a salad or sandwiches to share. Dessert and tea will be provided.

**VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE** - Our annual Valentine Memorial Service will take place at 11:30am in the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden on **February 12th** with Pastor Steve officiating. This prayer vigil commemorates the lives of our congregant members who have passed away in the past year. Please join us for this short but meaningful remembrance.

**PREORDER COFFEE CAKES** – The Mission Team will be picking up more coffee cakes. Each coffee cake sells for \$12, with \$5 going to the Mission Fund. If you would like to order a specific kind, an order form is on the sign-up table in the church entrance. Thank you for your support of this Mission Team project.

**WANTED** - Someone interested in keeping the church library tidy, books put away, etc. Also needed is someone interested in cataloging books to add to the library. Please talk to Connie Johansen at 941-286-9923 if you are interested. No experience necessary. She will teach you.

**NANCY BEASOM'S BOOK** – Do you enjoy reading Nancy's poem in the monthly newsletter? She now has compiled a book of all her poems written throughout her life, including photos and art by Nancy and her granddaughter, Brittany. This beautiful book is available in the church entrance for a \$10 donation to the Mission

Team earmarked for the HOMELESS VETERANS. Cash or check accepted. If paying by check, please make it out to First Presbyterian Church and note Homeless Veterans on your check.

**BACK PACK KIDZ** is helping feed children in our community. Sign up in church entrance today.

**LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY** – Take homemade food to a fellow church member who has either just returned from the hospital to convalesce or has a loved one seriously ill in the hospital. Sign up on the Loaves & Fishes sheet in the church entrance.

**PLEASE BRING IN FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY** - Let us see the blue food bin overflowing each week. **In January, bring in lots of boxes of cereal.** HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

**HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL** – Thank you for all your donations. If you would like to volunteer on a Friday afternoon to help with serving the meal at Misión Peniel, talk to Dianne Sizemore. Our next trip will be on **Friday, February 24th**, carpooling from the church at 12:30pm.

**UPPER ROOM** – The January/February *Upper Room* devotional is available on the back table in the sanctuary.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Our church music is available to you on the Internet at: <http://public.me.com/rpc1220>.

**PRAYER EMAIL LIST** – If you would like to be on Pastor Steve’s prayer email list, please email Pastor Steve at [revmock@fpcpunta.org](mailto:revmock@fpcpunta.org).

**FLOWERS** – May be funded for the **cost of \$35**. To make a donation, sign up at the sign-up table in the church lobby. If the flowers are in honor and/or in memory of something or someone, please put that on the sign-up sheet.

Offering January 29: \$3,351

Attendance: 162

### EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

February 5th thru February 12th

**Sunday, February 5**

11:30am Annual Congregational Meeting  
6:00pm Prayer Service

**Monday, February 6**

3:30am Worship Team  
6:00pm - 9:00pm Children’s Network

**Tuesday, February 7**

10:00am Women’s Bible Study @ Cuzner’s

**Thursday, February 9**

8:00am R.O.M.E.O.S. @ Sky View Café,  
Punta Gorda Airport  
5:30pm Praise Team  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 11**

11:00am Presbyterian Women Valentine Tea

**Sunday, February 12**

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship  
9:45am – 10:45am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
11:45am **Valentine Memorial Service in Memorial Garden**  
6:00pm Prayer Service

## SERMON NOTES

## 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!**

February 5, 2012

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 member of our congregation.

**PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**OFFICE MANAGER**  
**PARISH NURSE**  
**LITURGIST**  
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