
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Come to Thee* Franklin Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #207** *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL MUSIC *Almighty God* Sandi Patti
Susan Vermette, Soprano; Denny Ausman, Piano

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

OFFERTORY *In His Presence* Dick and Melodie Tunney
Susan Vermette, Soprano; Denny Ausman, Piano

(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #719** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:13-27

MESSAGE *True or False* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #510** *Heaven Came Down*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #426** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 3)*

POSTLUDE *Arise and Shine in Splendor* Johann Gottfried Walther

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Focus

- Pray for those who serve in the military and their families.
- Pray for First Responders and Healthcare Workers.
- Pray for our church as we seek to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi and Eric Stone family, missionaries we support in Peru and Guatemala.
- Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.
- Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County.
- Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Nicaragua.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Those Who Grieve

Pray for Bo Pullen and family, whose mother Barbara Sizemore went home to the Lord on July 31st.

Pray for Neta Gensemer and family, whose husband Ron went home to the Lord on August 1st. A Celebration of Life Service for Ron will be held on Wednesday, December 7th.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Jack Rothley	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Gail Thornton in loving memory of her mother, Grace Herwig.

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

SUMMER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for **\$37.50**. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer, listing the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.

BULLETIN BOARD – Check out notes and messages of interest on the Bulletin Board in the church foyer.

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale's prayer email list, 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 stream our services on our website homepage (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo [vimeo livestream](#).

FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following the Worship Service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. You may bring cookies / treats to share!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

C.L.A.S.S. 101 – DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? – Simply go to our website at fpcpunta.org and look under the *Home* tab. There you will find information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC. Or see Pastor Barksdale for a DVD set.

GATHER FOR PRAYER – **A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.** Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

DEACON'S FUND – TODAY is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

HURRICANE SEASON – We are in the heart of hurricane season and wanted to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, join us online. Also, we set up a text messaging system last year to notify members if Services/Events were canceled. If you do not want to receive a text message, please notify the church office. (If you are a regular attender and wish to be included on the text message, please note that on the Fellowship Pad.)

A/V TEAM – Anyone interested in being part of the A/V Team on Sunday mornings, please see Jim or George in the A/V booth on Sunday. Great ministry to folks watching from home!

GREETER TEAM – Looking for a few individuals to rotate monthly in the foyer as Greeters. If interested, see Barksdale.

LIBRARY IS OPEN – Stop by the expanded library in the church office area and see the new titles and resources available to help in your Christian walk. (The puzzles are also there. ☺)

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE – *Will resume Wednesday, August 31st, at 10:00am.* This fall we will be looking at the *Name Above All Names* – a study of the names of God as they describe His attributes in the Old Testament and New Testament. God's many names reveal not only different dimensions of His character but also point to their fulfillment in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. We can now see God in new lights and angles as we learn of His justice, His unbounded love, His preeminence, and His character -- all through His names.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, September 2nd, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at Los Mariachis, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. ***All ladies are invited!***

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Resumes on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:00am* with Lesson 8 of *Growing in Wisdom & Faith, a study of James* by Elizabeth George from her "A Woman After God's Own Heart" series. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. ***All women are invited to join us for study, fellowship, and refreshments.***

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, September 7th, 5:00pm* – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners at their home on ***September 7th, October 5th, and November 2nd.*** This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up for a Wednesday night in the church foyer, or call/email the church office to reserve a night. There is no agenda, lesson, or study, just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS – *Resume on Thursday, September 8th at 4:30pm.* Rehearsals last about one hour. If you love to sing, please join us for rehearsals on Thursdays and church services on Sunday mornings. The choir begins singing anthems on October 2nd. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 more information.

BURGERS FOR BADGES – *Monday, September 19th, 11:00am – 1:00pm* – Help us show our appreciation to our Fire and Sheriff Departments as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

UKRAINE RELIEF: For those wanting to help those in need in Ukraine, here are four relief agencies that are doing work there now: Convoy of Hope (<https://convoyofhope.org/>), Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>), World Renew (<https://worldrenew.net/ukraine-response>), and The Outreach Foundation (<https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/ukraine-appeal>).

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS –

Shower Ministry (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) – Please place “shower” items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

Shower Ministry “Lunches” – Please consider a financial donation to support the lunches that we provide weekly for the Shower Ministry. (mark as “lunches”)

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2022 in our church budget, please make checks payable to FPC and on the memo line write the name of the mission.

Antioch Partners – Stone Family (Guatemala) or Lisa Alfonsi (Peru)

Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)

Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)

Misión Peniel (Immokalee)

Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

August 21st to August 28th

Sunday, August 21

10:30am

6:00pm

Deacon's Fund

Worship Service

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Thursday, August 25

10:00am

7:00pm

Game Fellowship

Peace River Radio Association

Sunday, August 28

10:15am

10:30am

6:00pm

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 7:13-27

¹² “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. ¹³ Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. ¹⁵ Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹ Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ ²⁴ Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”



Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!

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 guest and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God's call with this congregation.

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August 21, 2022

10:30am

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