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## WORSHIP SERVICE – Easter Sunday

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Watts/Mason  
*Andante* Tartini  
*Trumpet Voluntary* Henry Purcell  
*Triumphal March* Theodore Dubois  
*Because He Lives (Hymn #358 Refrain)*  
Denny Ausman, Organ; Nancy Smith, Piano; Mark Skolnic, Trumpet

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Die Anmut (Grace)* George Philipp Teleman  
Denny Ausman, Organ; Mark Skolnic, Trumpet

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**INTROIT** *Christ Has Arisen* Daniel Matt  
Chancel Choir; Mark Skolnic, Trumpet

\***HYMN #367** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

### \*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.

### \*GLORIA PATRI #813

**ANTHEM** *Jesus Lives, Alleluia!* Arr. Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir; Mark Skolnic, Trumpet

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

**OFFERTORY** *2nd Movement* Joseph Haydn

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O resurrected Christ, we celebrate this day, the promise for all time of Your unending love! Accept these gifts of celebration - make them be celebrations for others in the world. We praise Your Holy name! Amen.

\***HYMN #365** *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Samuel 17-18

**MESSAGE** *Easter - Victory* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

\***HYMN #353** *Victory in Jesus*

### \*BENEDICTION

\***RESPONSE #358** *Because He Lives (Refrain)*

**POSTLUDE** *Rondeau* Jean Joseph Mouret, arr. Rondeau  
*Trumpet Tune* Henry Purcell  
Denny Ausman, Organ; Mark Skolnic, Trumpet

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth  
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## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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### 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 those who are recovering from Hurricane Ian.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi, Eric Stone family, and Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Peru, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.
- 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 persecuted Christians throughout the world.

### Those with Special Needs

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

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

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

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## NOTES

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**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given today by Kathy and Roy Belville in honor of Elizabeth Renton (Kathy's mom).

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

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

**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](mailto: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](http://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!

### Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$26,938.39	\$86,046.31
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,183.32</u>	<u>\$69,724.44</u>
Net	\$ 5,755.07	\$16,321.87

\*This amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given in January

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – Next Class will be on May 21st. We will have a one class introduction to FPC. If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please join us. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

**SANCTUARY CROSS** – The Colors of the Cross are a symbolic depiction of the Easter season. For the beginning of the Lenten Season the cross is draped in purple. The purple cloth remains on the cross from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday representing royalty – the King of kings has come. The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday through Saturday – representing His death. The white cloth is placed on the cross Easter Sunday representing His resurrection – His victory over sin, death and Satan.

**DEACON'S FUND** – *Next Sunday, April 16th*, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY** – *Wednesday, April 12th, at 10:00am.* Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for our weekly Bible study. We continue our study on John's epistles.

**BURGERS FOR BADGES** – *Monday, April 17th, 11:00am – 1:00pm* – Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us in Fellowship Hall and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer. *If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as "B4B".*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, April 18th at 10:00am* with Lesson 22 (James 5:7-11 "Putting On a heart of Patience" 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 for study, fellowship, and refreshments.*

**SERVING IN IMMOKALEE** – *Friday, April 21st* – Join us for our next trip to Misión Peniel in Immokalee to help bag groceries to the migrant farm workers. We will carpool from our church at 9:30am. On our way back, we will stop for lunch at Cracker Barrel. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, April 21st, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Bob Evans in Port Charlotte. *All ladies are invited!*

**PIANO CONCERT** – *Sunday, May 7th at 3:00pm* – The Two Piano Group will present a concert in our Sanctuary. A Free Will Offering will be taken.

**PEACE GARDENS** – *Tuesday, May 9th at 9:00am* – Fellowship Team has a tour scheduled to visit Peace Gardens here in Punta Gorda. Watch for more details.

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE** – *Beginning May 10th at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of May through August. Watch for sign-ups in the foyer.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**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.

**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)

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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*April 9th to April 16th*

<b>Sunday, April 9</b> 10:30am 11:30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship Service (Also Online) Fellowship Time
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b> 10:00am	Mission Team
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b> 10:00am 10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
<b>Thursday, April 13</b> 10:00am 4:30pm	Game Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, April 16</b> 10:30am 11:30am 6:00pm	<b>Deacon’s Fund Sunday</b> Worship Service (Also Online) Fellowship Time Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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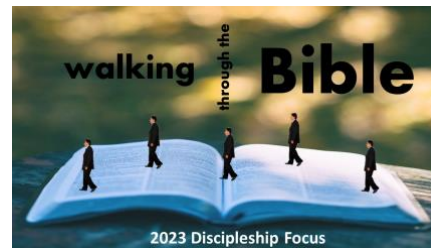
**SERMON NOTES**

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**Easter - Victory**

**1 Samuel 17-18**



**Bible Readings**

April 9	1 Samuel 1:9-4:11
April 10	1 Samuel 4:12-8:22
April 11	1 Samuel 9:1-12:25
April 12	1 Chronicles 9:35-39 1 Samuel 13:1-5 1 Samuel 13:19-23 1 Samuel 13:6-18 1 Samuel 14:1-52
April 13	1 Samuel 15:1-17:31
April 14	1 Samuel 17:32-19:17 Psalm 59 1 Samuel 19:18-24
April 15	1 Samuel 20:1-21:15 Psalm 34

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**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.*

**April 9, 2023**

**10:30am**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	Joan Byron
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Denny Ausman
<b>OFFICE &amp; WORSHIP ADMIN</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Bev Brady
<b>USHERS</b>	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte