
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		Ann Alton, Cello
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>A Quiet Garden</i>	Louise E. Stairs
CALL TO WORSHIP		
INTROIT	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near</i> Chancel Choir	Ellen Purchase
*HYMN #633		<i>Open Our Eyes, Lord</i>
*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		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Adagio from Concerto in D Minor</i> Ann Alton, Cello	Marcello / Bach
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	<i>Just A Closer Walk With Thee</i> <i>(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)</i>	
*DOXOLOGY #815		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*HYMN #453		<i>Happy Our Home When God Is There</i>
SCRIPTURE		Luke 19:1-10
MESSAGE	<i>Hospitality</i>	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #779		<i>I'll Fly Away</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE		<i>Shalom to You</i>
POSTLUDE	<i>Spring Praise</i>	Chester Nordman

*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 Misi3n 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.

Prayer Focus

The Memorial Service for Ella Sifferd will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at 11:00am at the Sifferd's home.

Pray for the family of John Evans, whose brother Darrell went home to the Lord on February 19th.

Pray for the family of Larry Pritchard, who went home to the Lord on March 1st. Donations can be made in Larry's name to Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation.

Those with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Ron and Billie Sixt in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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!

*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE*****

- **Palm Sunday – April 10 – 10:30am Worship Service**
- **Passover Seder Meal – April 13 – 5:00pm**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 14 – 7:00pm Communion Service**
- **Good Friday – April 15 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 16 – 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

SEASON OF LENT DEVOTIONALS – We have three devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (April 10 –17).

EASTER LILIES – We will be decorating the church with lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate one in remembrance or honor of a loved one, please use the offering envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$7 for each lily. **Please have your envelope back by Monday, April 11th**, in time for the bulletin insert.

LIVING CROSS – We are requesting flowers and greenery for the “living cross” for Easter morning. **Please bring both the flowers and greenery at 10:00am on Saturday, April 16th**. Sign up in the church foyer to help with the “living cross”.

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.

C.L.A.S.S. 201 – DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY – Sundays through March 27th from 9:15-10:15am – We will focus on four basic habits that every Christian needs to develop in order to grow to spiritual maturity. This class will equip you with the skills you need to begin these habits and will explain the tools you will need to continue them. Facilitated by John Evans. Sign up in the church foyer.

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

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – This supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misi3n Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

CONCERT SERIES AND RECEPTION – THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00pm – TWO PIANOS – Judy Kaff and Al Rozier present selections from Classical to Current musical styles. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, March 23rd at 10:00am – Pastor Barksdale Pullen continues a study of *The History of the Bible in the history of the world*. Join us as we explore the rise of the Kingdom of God thru the Bible in the context of world history. **All are welcome!**

BADGES AND BURGERS – Monday, March 28th from 11:00am to 1:00pm – Come out and help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill hamburgers and hotdogs. Come out and have lunch with us out by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, April 1st, 12:00pm – Join us for lunch at the Olympia Restaurant in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

PUNTA GORDA MURAL WALK Monday, April 4th– Join Pastor Barksdale as we walk through downtown Punta Gorda and see eleven of the murals and learn a little of the history of Punta Gorda. The walk is approximately two miles and we will **gather at the church at 9:30am on Monday, April 4th**. We will finish around 11:30am at Harbor Scoops for a treat. Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer, limited to twelve people.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, April 5th, 10:00am–11:30am. Lessons 4 and 5 of *Growing in Wisdom & Faith, a study of James* by Elizabeth George from her “A Woman After God's Own Heart” series. Call Kathy at 508-733-0546 for more information. **All women are invited to join us for study, fellowship and refreshments.**

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL – Wednesday, April 13th, 5:00pm -- Come celebrate a traditional Passover Meal that Jesus would have shared with His disciples and learn how Jesus' death and resurrection are symbolized in the elements of the Seder Meal. Please sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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”)

Backpack Ministry (Easter Project) – Please consider a financial donation to support this special project (mark as “backpacks”).

CROSSROADS HOPE ACADEMY – Anyone interested in going to Crossroads Academy to meet students and talk with the staff about what we can do to help that ministry, please contact Patti MacDonald.

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

March 20th to March 27th

Sunday, March 20

**Third Sunday in Lent
Deacon’s Fund Sunday**

9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
3:00pm Concert Series
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, March 21

1:30pm Session

Wednesday, March 23

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, March 24

10:00am Game Fellowship
4:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 27

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:15am Sunday School
10:15am Hymn Sing
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

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SERMON NOTES

Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”



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.

March 20, 2022

10:30am

PASTOR
CHOIR DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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