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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Classical Music

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *In My Homeland* Edvard Grieg

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**INTROIT** *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #128** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

### \* 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 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

### \*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** *When We Meet at Your Table, Lord* Deborah Govenor

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

**OFFERTORY** *Communion* Edouard Batiste

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, accept these gifts as signs of our desire to serve You. Make our offerings to be instruments of peace and grace in the world. Use them to heal the sick, and to bring hope to the brokenhearted, comfort for the afflicted, justice for the oppressed and good news to all. And let all that we do be a foretaste of Your reign on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*HYMN #414** *O Word of God Incarnate*

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 5

**MESSAGE** *Eternal Salvation* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN #648** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him* Lani Smith

\*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 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.

### *Those with Special Needs*

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|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| 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*

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## NOTES

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**NEW NAME TAGS** – We have had a request for new name tags with magnets instead of our current clip ones. This Sunday on the Name Tag Table there will be an example of a new Magnetic Name Tag. If you would like one of these, please write your name on the sheet. Thanks!

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given today by Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

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

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

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – Available in the church office.

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

**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!

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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).

**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. We have a text messaging system to notify members if Services/Events are canceled. If you are a regular attender and wish to be included on the text message, please tell Pastor Barksdale or call the church office.

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

**CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING** – **TODAY, following the Worship Service.** The purpose of this meeting is to inform the church of the different activities - fellowship, service, and discipleship - for the fall season. The meeting is for members and regular attenders and will last about 30 minutes.

**STAND IN THE GAP FUND** – The purpose of this fund is to assist supported missionaries and ministries of our church, when they face unexpected financial burdens. To donate to this fund, please mark your gift as SITG.

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**DONUTS AND DOCTRINE** – **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.** This fall we look 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. *This study is also online, simply go to our website at: <https://www.fpcpunta.org/name-above-all>.*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – **Tuesday, October 4th at 10:00am** with Lesson 10 (James 2:14-17 "Showing Forth Your Faith") 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.*

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – **Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting a get-together dinner at their home on **November 2nd**. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up 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** – We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata "*Tapestry of Light*" on **Thursday, October 6th, 4:30pm** – We are looking for extra singers for this cantata, which will be sung on Sunday, December 18th during the Worship Service. Notify the office or Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 or at [jfbyron@comcast.net](mailto:jfbyron@comcast.net).

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – **Friday, October 7th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Bob Evans in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

**MEDICARE** – Do you have any questions about your Medicare and what it will do for you next year? Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2023. Join him **Saturday, October 15th at 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Now is the best time to prepare for 2023. (No products will be sold during this meeting, it is informational.)

**CROSSROADS BBQ** – **Monday, October 17th, 11:30am** – Join us for a Barbecue lunch with the boys from Crossroads Hope Academy at our church's barbecue pit. Sign up to help in these ways: Setup – Serve – Bake Cookies – Takedown.

**LUNCH 'N LEARN** – **Thursday, October 20th, 12:00pm** – Timothy from Taylor Funeral Home will give a presentation on *Final Arrangements*. Sign up in the church foyer.

**ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES** for 2022-2023 is set. The season brochure is available in the church foyer or on our website [www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org) under Ministries / Concert Series. **The first concert is on Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00pm, featuring The Dunnemans.** Reg and Gretchen Dunneman sing their own special blend of gospel music, including southern gospel, traditional, hymn, and classical Christian styles. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

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### MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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**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)

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### EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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#### October 2nd to October 9th

**Sunday, October 2**

9:30am Membership Class  
 10:30am Worship Service  
 11:30am Town Hall Meeting  
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

**Monday, October 3**

1:00pm Worship Team

**Tuesday, October 4**

10:00am Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 5**

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study  
 5:00pm Pullen Up a Chair

**Thursday, October 6**

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

**Friday, October 7**

12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

**Sunday, October 9**

10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)  
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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### SERMON NOTES

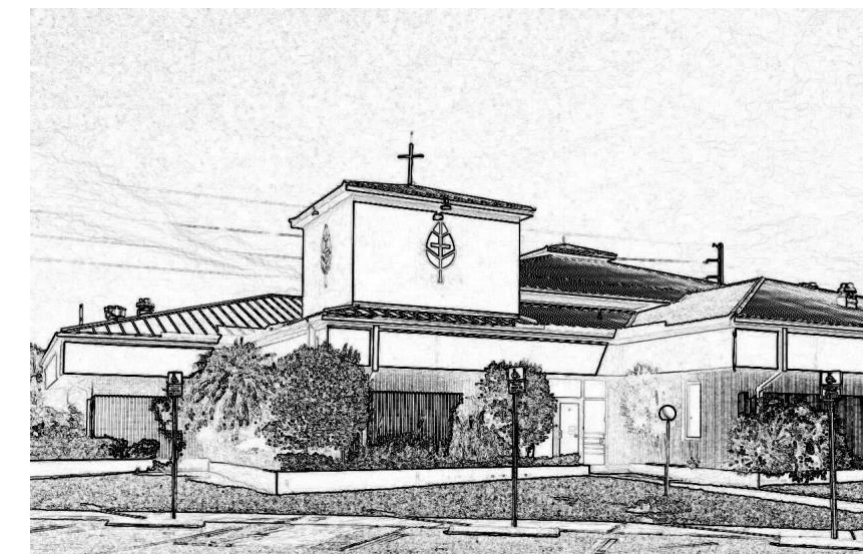
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#### Hebrews 5

<sup>1</sup> For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. <sup>11</sup> About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, <sup>13</sup> for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.



### 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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**October 2, 2022**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**ORGANIST**  
**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
 Joan Byron  
 Denny Ausman  
 Debbie Rostad  
 Don Washabaugh

Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Marjorie Haun, Billie Sixt