
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Sonata II by J. S. Bach
Romanze II by Robert Schumann
David Suarez-Rio, Flute and Denny Ausman, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Little Prelude in Bb* Colin Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *O God Beyond All Praising* G. Holst / Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #409** *Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken*

*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 #813

SPECIAL MUSIC *Soliloquy* Jake Heggie
David Suarez-Rio, Flute and Denny Ausman, Piano

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

OFFERTORY *Idyll* James Denton

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, these gifts we bring are our expression of our thanks for who You are and what You mean to us. As we present them to You, we also commit ourselves to love and serve You with grateful hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***HYMN #712** *Be Still, My Soul*

SCRIPTURE 2 Chronicles 2-3

MESSAGE *The Temple* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #361** *Worship Christ, the Risen King (vs. 1,2,4,5)*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #571** *Trust and Obey (Refrain)*

POSTLUDE *Ancient of Days* Roger C. Wilson

*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 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

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Diane Culver in memory of Maxine Duncanson.

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORIES – 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!

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

| | April | Year-to-Date |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| *Tithes & Offerings | \$21,392.84 | \$107,439.15 |
| Cash Expenditures | \$25,049.60 | \$ 94,774.04 |
| Net | (\$ 3,656.76) | \$ 12,665.11 |

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – TODAY - May 21st at 9:30am. 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.) Please sign up in the church foyer.

MISSION'S SPRING PROJECTS – Ends TODAY – With your financial donations, the Mission Team will purchase **Tents** for *Jesus Loves You Ministry* and **Wheelchairs** for *Lisa Alfonsi in Lima, Peru*. Please mark your donations for “Tents” or “Wheelchairs”. Thank you!

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – Join us on Wednesday, May 24th at 10:00am as we address some of the questions that have arisen from our chronological reading of the Bible, and general questions about the Christian faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – Wednesday, May 24th at 5:00pm – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, June 2nd, 12:00pm – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Laishley Crab House in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – June – August, Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15am. As a Grandparent, you play an important role in your Grandchildren's lives – so important that your influence on them has eternal significance. Becoming an effective Grandparent isn't just another season of your life; it is a God-given calling! Come join us for inspiration, tools, and connection with others as we seek God's truth and guidance in becoming effective, loving Grandparents. This will be a 12-week video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale, beginning Sunday, June 4th, at 9:15 -10:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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.

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

May 21st to May 28th

Sunday, May 21
9:30am Deacon’s Fund Sunday
10:30am Membership Class
11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Wednesday, May 24
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
5:00pm Dinner and Movie “The Chosen”

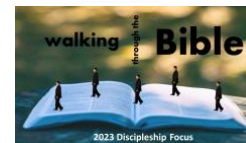
Thursday, May 25
10:00am Game Fellowship

Sunday, May 28
10:15am Hymn Sing
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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SERMON NOTES

2 Chronicles 2-3



Bible Readings

- May 21 1 Kings 3:16-28; 5:1-18
2 Chronicles 2:1-18
1 Kings 6:1-13
2 Chronicles 3:1-14
1 Kings 6:14-38
- May 22 1 Kings 7:1-51
2 Chronicles 3:15-4:22
- May 23 1 Kings 8:1-11
2 Chronicles 5:1-14
1 Kings 8:12-21
2 Chronicles 6:1-11
1 Kings 8:22-53
2 Chronicles 6:12-42
- May 24 1 Kings 8:54-66
2 Chronicles 7:1-10
1 Kings 9:1-9
2 Chronicles 7:11-22
1 Kings 9:10-14
- May 25 2 Chronicles 8:1-18
1 Kings 9:15-10:13
2 Chronicles 9:1-12
1 Kings 10:14-29
2 Chronicles 9:13-28; 1:14-17
- May 26 1 Kings 4:1-34
Psalms 72, 127
- May 27 Proverbs 1:1-4:27



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.

May 21, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Joan Byron
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Kathy Belville
Andy Schulte, Katie Schulte, Judy Cornell, Billie Sixt