
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Classical Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

All: *He remembers his covenant forever; the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.*

Pastor: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: *That they might keep his precepts and observe his laws. Praise the Lord.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *O Worship the Lord (Psalm 96)* Anonymous
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #33** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in heaven, have mercy on us. We are sinful, prideful, selfish people. We spend so much time looking out for ourselves, trampling on the people closest to us as a result. We have broken our relationships with friends, with our children, with our spouses. Oh, how desperately we need a Savior! Break our hearts and teach them how to love again. Help us not to fear love, but to love courageously. Forgive us for failing. Thank You for picking us up and restoring us. We trust You and love You. In Your holy name, Amen. *(Silent Confession)*

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

ANTHEM *In Remembrance* Ragan Courtney/Buryl Red
Chancel Choir; Sue Mesler, Flute

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

OFFERTORY *Our God Reigns* arr. Fred Bock

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We honor You, O gracious God. Accept these gifts, we pray, as a sign of our obedience to You, our love for You and our desire to take Your reign into the world. Transform them into Your blessing for others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:30-31

MESSAGE *Israel's Belief* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

COMMUNION

***HYMN #692** *God Will Take Care of You*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #426** Best Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1

POSTLUDE *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty

*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 who Grieve

Pray for Frances Frost and family, whose son Andy went home to the Lord on January 22nd. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 18th at 2:30pm.

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, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Dawson Joseph Horne, great-grandson of Margie Smith. Dawson was born on January 27th to Danielle and Derek of Oshkosh, WI.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Robert Cuzner in honor of FPC's congregation.

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

FEBRUARY 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](https://www.vimeo.com/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

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

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL / CORPORATION MEETING – **TODAY, following the Worship Service.** Please plan to attend. Annual reports are available today.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *This Tuesday, February 7th at 10:00am* with Lesson 17 (James 4:4-6 “Growing in Grace” 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.*

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *Wednesday, February 8th, at 10:00am.* The Book of Job presents us with several tough questions about life. We look forward to some good discussion around God's Word, and we trust that at the end of our study we can say with Job, “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE – *Next Sunday, February 12th at 11:30am.* This is a short service of remembrance for those who passed away in 2022 from our church family and in memory of other loved ones. We will begin in the Sanctuary and move to the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden.

CONCERT SERIES – *The Goldtones next Sunday, February 12th at 3:00pm.* The Goldtones are one of Florida's premiere vocal harmony groups. This is a ticketed event - \$15.00 Donation, available in the church office. Plan to attend this concert! *If not sold out by February 12th, tickets will be available at the door.*

VALENTINES DINNER – *Tuesday, February 14th at 5:00pm* – Join us to celebrate Valentine's Day with a Potluck Dinner and Movie. Sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, February 17th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at Peter's Family Restaurant, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – *Friday, February 24th* – We have an opportunity to serve at Misión Peniel in Immokalee by bagging and distributing groceries to the migrant farm workers. *We will carpool from our church at 12:30pm.* On our way back, we will stop for dinner at Cracker Barrel. Please sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesdays, March 1st 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

February 5th to February 12th

Sunday, February 5

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| 10:30am | Communion Sunday |
| 11:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) |
| 11:30am | Congregational Annual Meeting |
| 6:00pm | Fellowship Time |
| | Prayer Meeting - FaceBook |

Tuesday, February 7

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| 10:00am | Women’s Bible Study |
| 1:30pm | Fellowship Team |

Wednesday, February 8

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| 10:00am | Donuts & Doctrine |
| 10:00am | Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry |

Thursday, February 9

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

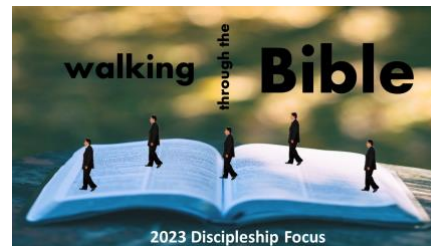
Sunday, February 12

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| 10:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) |
| 11:30am | Valentine Memorial Service |
| 11:30am | Fellowship Time |
| 3:00pm | Concert Series – The Goldtones |
| 6:00pm | Prayer Meeting – FaceBook |

SERMON NOTES

Exodus 14:30-31

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.



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| February 5 | Exodus 13:1-15:27 |
| February 6 | Exodus 16:1-19:25 |
| February 7 | Exodus 20:1-22:15 |
| February 8 | Exodus 22:16-24:18 |
| February 9 | Exodus 25:1-28:43 |
| February 10 | Exodus 29:1-31:18 |
| February 11 | Exodus 32:1-34:35 |

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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.

February 5, 2023

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, Kay Callahan, Sam Cessna