
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Classical Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Blessing* Florence Moody Robertson

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving* Nick Vangeloff
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #553** *Nearer, My God, to Thee (vs. 1,2,4,5)*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, You have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let Your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. (*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
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* Melchior Vulpius

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thanks be to You, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #327** *The Old Rugged Cross*

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:1-2

MESSAGE *Perseverance* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

COMMUNION

***HYMN #87** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #425** *Bind Us Together*

POSTLUDE *Echo Chorus* Stewart Pender

*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.

Those Who Grieve

Pray for Barb Harris and family, whose husband Rich went home to the Lord on October 6th.

The Memorial Service for Ron Gensemer will be on Wednesday, December 7th, at 2:00pm in our Sanctuary.

Those with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

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 by Laurel Aumend in memory of her mother Doris Aumend.

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

NOVEMBER 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 in January 2023 -- 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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – A new ministry team has been formed that will be responsible for the planning and serving of the receptions that follow Memorial Services. Joan Hoffman is the Chairperson. If you are interested in helping her, please sign up in the church foyer. This is a good opportunity for someone to be involved with a simple ministry but also a much appreciated one.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING – This year we will support two ministries with our Thanksgiving offerings (through November 20th).

Jesus Loves You Ministry – “Blue Jeans Project”

St. Vincent de Paul – “Thanksgiving Meals Project”

Please use the special “Gifting Envelopes” and make checks payable to FPC.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – *NEXT Sunday, November 13th, following the Worship Service.* The purpose of this meeting is to elect Elders. Plan to attend.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE – *Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.* Join us as we continue a new study getting ready for the Advent Season. We will be looking at the Old Testament prophecies regarding the coming of the Messiah - Jesus.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00am* with Lesson 12 (James 3:1-4 “Speaking with Wisdom”) 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.*

WELCOME BACK DINNER – *Wednesday, November 16th at 5:00pm* – Join us for a Chili Dinner. Please sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, November 18th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at Hurricane Charley's in Punta Gorda. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – Sign up in the church foyer to help decorate our church on *Saturday, November 26th, 9:00am.*

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – *Thursday, November 30th, 12:00pm* – Presented by the Sheriff's Department on “Scams & Crimes Pulled on Seniors”. Please sign up in the church foyer.

CONCERT SERIES – *Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm* – Our next concert is The Two Piano Group. Come and hear their traditional mix of contemporary and traditional favorites, plus some new and innovative selections. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

BABY SHOWER FOR MISSIONARIES KATIE AND CHASEN BROKAW – *Thursday, December 8th at 2:00pm by ZOOM* -- Due to shipping issues, we are asking for financial donations and a card instead of gifts. Katie will then be able to get the things she needs. Please sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF: For those wanting to help those in need, you may support relief agencies that are doing work here. One serving locally in Punta Gorda, Englewood, and Fort Myers is Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>).

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – Friday, December 9th, 11:00am – 1:00pm – FPC has an opportunity to serve the workers in Immokalee handing out groceries. If you are interested, please sign up in the church foyer.

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)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

November 6th to November 13th

Sunday, November 6

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Communion Sunday

Worship Service

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Monday, November 7

1:00pm

Worship Team

Tuesday, November 8

10:00am

Mission Team

Wednesday, November 9

10:00am

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, November 10

10:00am

4:30pm

Game Fellowship

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day

Sunday, November 13

10:30am

11:25am

11:30am

6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)

Congregational Meeting

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



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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November 6, 2022

10:30am

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