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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20)*

Pastor: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.

The old has gone, the new is here!

**All:** *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:*

Pastor: That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**All:** *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We remind one another in our service of worship: Be reconciled to God.*

**INTROIT** *Jesus, Keep Me Near* Ellen Purchase  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #535** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

### \*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** *Come, Ye Children of the Lord* arr. Mack Wilberg  
Chancel Choir

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *One Day At A Time* M. Wilkin / K. Kristofferson  
Minty Balloo-Ausman

*(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)*

### \*DOXOLOGY #815

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #571** *Trust and Obey*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 18:31-34

**MESSAGE** *Purpose* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #572** *Blessed Assurance*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** *Shalom to You*

**POSTLUDE** *He Shall Feed His Flock* G. F. Handel

\*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 Misión 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

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

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## NOTES

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**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 Kathy and Roy Belville in celebration of their 53rd 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](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!

**MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY** – As a part of the ECO Presbytery of Florida, the Global Engagement Team is planning an investigative trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil on June 13-20. The goal is to partner with the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil to help them start new churches, develop prayer and small group ministries, and mostly to build supportive relationships with our brothers and sisters in Brazil. The cost is \$1300. If you would like to find out more, please contact Rev. Jeff Winter ([JWinter777@aol.com](mailto:JWinter777@aol.com)).

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**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).

**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).

**C.L.A.S.S. 101 – DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?** – Simply go to our website at [fpcpunta.org](http://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.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, March 14th at 10am**.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, March 15th (Lessons 2 & 3)*. We meet from 10:00am–11:30am *at the church*. We are using *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.*

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – *Wednesday, March 16th 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!*

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** – Please join us on *Wednesday, March 16th at 5:00pm* for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner in Fellowship Hall, featuring corned beef and cabbage by Chef Bonnie Brown. The Fellowship Team will provide “green” desserts. Suggested donation is \$7.00. Sign up now in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, March 18th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at the Riviera Bar and Grill in Punta Gorda. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

**CONCERT SERIES** – *NEXT Sunday, March 20th at 3:00pm* – **TWO PIANOS** – Judy Kaff and Al Rozier will present selections from Classical to Current musical styles. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00. Cookies and Punch will be served following the concert.

**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.

**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.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS** – **Shower Ministry (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot)** – Please place items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

**Backpack Ministry (Easter Project)** – Please consider a financial donation to support this special project (mark your check or pew envelope for “backpacks”).

**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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*March 13th to March 20th*

<b><u>Sunday, March 13</u></b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
<b><u>Monday, March 14</u></b>	
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
<b><u>Tuesday, March 15</u></b>	
10:00am	Women's Bible Study
<b><u>Wednesday, March 16</u></b>	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
5:00pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
<b><u>Thursday, March 17</u></b>	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
4:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Friday, March 18</u></b>	
12:00pm	Ladies Lunch Bunch
<b><u>Sunday, March 20</u></b>	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
3:00pm	Concert Series
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)

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*SERMON NOTES*

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**Luke 18:31-34 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.



***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 13, 2022**

**10:30am**

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<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Joan Byron
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Denny Ausman
<b>OFFICE &amp; WORSHIP ADMIN</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Sam Cessna
<b>USHERS</b>	Maria Greene, Matthew Greene, Patti MacDonald, Gail Thornton