
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Gospel Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* Arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INTROIT *Rejoice, the Lord is King* C. Wesley, J. Darwell
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

***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 *If We Will Seek the Lord* N. Price and D. Besig
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Rex Koury

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let the gift of grace, which has been so lavishly given to us, touch our hearts as we give of our gifts. May the needs of others become our needs: their poverty, our poverty; their hunger, our hunger; their longings for a better life, our longings. May we always give in gratitude for the abundance of grace that is ours through the gift of the life of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #83** *There's Something About That Name (Repeat)*

SCRIPTURE Ruth 4:1-17

MESSAGE *Kinsmen - Redeemer* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #410** *Standing on the Promises (vs. 1-4)*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #358** *Because He Lives (Refrain)*

POSTLUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* David H. Hegarty

*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

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, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Laurel Aumend in memory of her father Lester Blenman.

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

APRIL 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

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$26,938.39	\$86,046.31
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,183.32</u>	<u>\$69,724.44</u>
Net	\$ 5,755.07	\$16,321.87

*This 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 – Next Class will be on 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.)

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

BURGERS FOR BADGES – *Tomorrow, Monday, April 17th, 11:00am – 1:00pm* – Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us in Fellowship Hall and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer. *If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as "B4B".*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, April 18th at 10:00am* with Lesson 22 (James 5:7-11 "Putting On a heart of Patience" 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, April 19th, at 10:00am.* Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for our weekly Bible study. We continue our study on John's epistles.

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – *Friday, April 21st* – Join us for our next trip to Misión Peniel in Immokalee to help bag groceries to the migrant farm workers. *We will carpool from our church at 9:30am.* On our way back, we will stop for lunch at Cracker Barrel. Please sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, April 21st, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Bob Evans in Port Charlotte. *All ladies are invited!*

PIANO CONCERT – *Sunday, May 7th at 3:00pm* – The Two Piano Group will present a concert titled "Two Piano Spring Fling" in our Sanctuary. A Free Will Offering will be taken - suggested donation is \$15.00.

PEACE GARDENS – *Tuesday, May 9th at 9:00am* – Fellowship Team has a tour scheduled to visit the Peace Gardens here in Punta Gorda. A docent will lead us on a 1 ½ mile walk for 1 ½ hours. The cost is \$15/person. We will meet at the Peace River Gardens – 5827 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda. Please sign up in the church foyer.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Beginning May 10th at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of May through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

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

April 16th to April 23rd

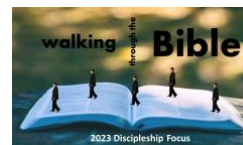
Sunday, April 16	Deacon’s Fund Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)
Monday, April 17	
11:00am	Burgers for Badges
2:00pm	Session
Tuesday, April 18	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, April 19	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Thursday, April 20	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 21	
9:30am	Mission Trip to Immokalee
12:00pm	Ladies Lunch Bunch
Sunday, April 23	
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

Kinsmen - Redeemer

Ruth 4:1-17



Bible Readings

April 16	1 Samuel 22:1-2 Psalm 57, Psalm 142 1 Chronicles 12:8-18 1 Samuel 22:3-23 Psalm 52
April 17	1 Samuel 23:1-12 1 Samuel 23:13-29 Psalm 54
April 18	1 Samuel 24:1-25:44 1 Samuel 26:1-27:7 1 Samuel 27:8-29:11 1 Chronicles 12:19 Psalm 56
April 19	1 Samuel 30:1-31 1 Chronicles 12:20-22 1 Samuel 31:1-13 1 Chronicles 10:1-14; 9:40-44 2 Samuel 4:4; 1:1-27
April 20	2 Samuel 2:1-3:5 1 Chronicles 3:1-4 2 Samuel 23:8-17 1 Chronicles 11:10-19 2 Samuel 23:18-39 1 Chronicles 11:20-47
April 21	2 Samuel 3:6-4:12
April 22	2 Samuel 5:1-3 1 Chronicles 11:1-3; 12:23-40 2 Samuel 5:17-25 1 Chronicles 14:8-17 2 Samuel 5:6-10 1 Chronicles 11:4-9; 3:4 2 Samuel 5:13; 5:4-5; 5:11-12 1 Chronicles 14:1-2; 13:1-5 2 Samuel 6:1-11 1 Chronicles 13:6-14



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.

April 16, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Kathy Belville
USHERS	Sam Cessna, Marjorie Haun, Patti MacDonald, Billie Sixt