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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *A Patriotic Quotation* Robert G. Hughes

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**\*HYMN #617** *Near to the Heart of God*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our gracious and patient God, we confess that we too often allow our fears to determine what we do and say. We fail to trust Your promises or believe in Your power. We forget that You are greater than any of our fears or problems. Please forgive our lack of faith and remind us that there is nothing in this world that we need to fear for You are always with us. *(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 #812

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *My Tribute* Andre Crouch

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

**OFFERTORY** *Heal Our Land* Tom and Robin Brooks

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #488** *Just as I Am*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:17-25

**MESSAGE** *Believer's Righteousness 1* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN #713** *Seek Ye First (3 verses)*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** *God Bless America*

**POSTLUDE** *Once to Every Man and Nation* arr. Lani Smith

\*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 Misi6n 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 with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	
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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**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given by Carolyn Maupin in Memory of her son Randy Maupin.

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

**SUMMER 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](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!

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**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.

**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).

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**JULY 4TH CONCERT – This afternoon at 3:00pm** – Bion Cantorum and First Presbyterian are sponsoring a Fourth of July concert. Members of Bion Cantorum, the Chancel Choir and other community singers will participate in an uplifting and totally Patriotic Concert. We will salute our Veterans and perform old standards such as *America, God Bless America, and Yankee Doodle* as well as some new and exciting patriotic music. **An Ice Cream Social follows the concert.** Meet the performers and have some wonderful ice cream. This is a free-will offering concert with a suggested donation of \$15.00. Come out and enjoy a wonderful holiday tradition!

**OFFICE CLOSED – Monday, July 4th – Happy 4th of July!**

**PHILIPPIANS – Epistle of Joy** – Join us on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am** for **Donuts & Doctrine**. This summer we are looking at Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. "Paul's joy at the mere thought of the Philippian church is undeniable in the letter, and it's that same joy that he wanted the recipients to possess as well. To lead the Philippians to this truth, Paul took them directly to Jesus, teaching them that a community of believers living in harmony with one another comes only through mutual humility modeled after the Savior. Paul wrote that he poured out his life as an offering for the sake of Christ, leading Paul to find great joy and contentment in Christ's service. His letter to the Philippians showed them that by centering their lives on Christ, they, too, might live in true joy." (Chuck Swindoll)

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, July 6th, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners this summer at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up for a Wednesday night (**July 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th**) in the church foyer, or call/email the church office to reserve a night. There is no agenda, lesson, or study, just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

**DINNER & MOVIE NIGHTS – Wednesday, July 13th, 5:00pm** – Come for dinner and stay for a movie. **Christmas in July – The Chosen Christmas Special (2021) – The Messengers.** The Chosen has created a special episode about the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, July 15th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Carrabbas in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

**MINISTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Wednesday, July 20th, 11:00am.** As we increase our church's involvement with *Jesus Loves You Ministry* and *Crossroads Hope Academy*, Laurie White, a street outreach case manager with Charlotte Behavioral Health, will come and present helpful ideas of working with these ministries. Sign up in the church foyer.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – We will not meet in July and August. We will resume on September 6th** with Lesson 8 of **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.**

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**UKRAINE RELIEF:** For those wanting to help those in need in Ukraine, here are four relief agencies that are doing work there now: Convoy of Hope (<https://convoyofhope.org/>), Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>), World Renew (<https://worldrenew.net/ukraine-response>), and The Outreach Foundation (<https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/ukraine-appeal>).

**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)

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**July 3rd to July 10th**

**Sunday, July 3**

10:30am  
3:00pm  
6:00pm

**Communion Sunday**

Worship Service  
**July 4th Concert**  
Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

**Monday, July 4**

**Happy 4th of July  
Office Closed**

**Tuesday, July 5**

1:30pm

Fellowship Team

**Wednesday, July 6**

10:00am  
5:00pm

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study  
Pullen Up a Chair

**Thursday, July 7**

10:00am

Game Fellowship

**Sunday, July 10**

10:30am  
6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)  
Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**Matthew 5:17-25**

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.



***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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**July 3, 2022**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

**CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Joan Byron

**ORGANIST**

Denny Ausman

**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**

Debbie Rostad

**LITURGIST**

Dave Sifferd

**USHERS**

Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Bev Brady, Patti Nuznoff