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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *The Hallowed Hour* Franklin Ritter

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**INTROIT** *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir

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

### \*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 #813

**ANTHEM** *He Is Born* arr. Jack Schrader  
Chancel Choir

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *Another Year is Begun* Denny Ausman  
*(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #462** *Come, Share the Lord*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 2:1-12

**MESSAGE** *Divine Direction* Pastor Steve Mock

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN #682** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE #237** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (vs. 2)*

**POSTLUDE** *Festival* Benton Price

\*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 affected by the recent tornadoes.
- Pray for our leaders that they would have wisdom to navigate all the issues facing our nation.
- 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.

### Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Lynn Lang
Ella Sifferd	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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**CELL PHONES** – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER** – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – Available in the church office.

**PLEDGE CARD** – If you haven't returned your pledge card for 2022, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don't see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

**FLOWERS** – May be sponsored for the cost of \$37.50. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer. You may list 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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**GATHER FOR PRAYER** – Resumes January 9th -- **A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.** Please submit any prayer requests to [first@fpcpunta.org](mailto:first@fpcpunta.org).

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?** – Simply go to our website at [fpcpunta.org](http://fpcpunta.org) and look under the *Home* tab. There you will find all the information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC. If you prefer a *DVD* set of videos, please see Pastor Barksdale. ***There will be a brief orientation meeting after church in the Conference Room on January 9th.***

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, January 4th.* We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am–11:30am *at the church.* Join us in January for the last two lessons of *Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season* by Melissa Spoelstra. Call Kathy at 508-733-0546 for more information. *All women are invited to join us for study, fellowship and refreshments.*

**SOCIABLE SINGLES** – *Friday, January 7th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at the Beef O'Brady's in Punta Gorda. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**HELP TAKE THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWN** – Join us *on Saturday, January 8th, at 9:30am* to help take down and store our decorations. ***Many hands make light work!*** Sign up in the church foyer. *Thank you!*

**EPIPHANY STARS** – *NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH* -- As the old year turns to a new one, we will be offering stars after the service with a word to guide us throughout the year as we remember the star that guided the Magi to Jesus.

**C.L.A.S.S. 301 – DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY BEGINS JANUARY 9TH** – *Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am January 9th to February 27th.* God did not design ministry for just a few with seminary degrees. At FPC, we believe that every member of our church is a minister. During 301 you will learn how God can use your Spiritual Gifts, your Heart (passions), your Abilities, your Personality and your Experiences to minister to the needs of others. God gives you gifts to use to build up His Church. God also gave you passion for particular activities and subjects. Having the heart for specific things, people or circumstances is to be used to guide us into a ministry that we really care about. In C.L.A.S.S. 301, you will be shown how to assess your abilities, gifts and passions to see where in ministry you will love to serve. Facilitated by Bev Brady.

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – Bible Study led by Pastor Barksdale will resume on *Wednesday, January 12th, at 10:00am.* We will begin a new study called ***The History of the Bible in the history of the world.*** Join us this winter/spring as we explore the rise of the Kingdom of God thru the Bible in the context of world history. ***All are welcome!***

**MISSIONS SUPPORT** – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2021 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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*January 2nd to January 9th*

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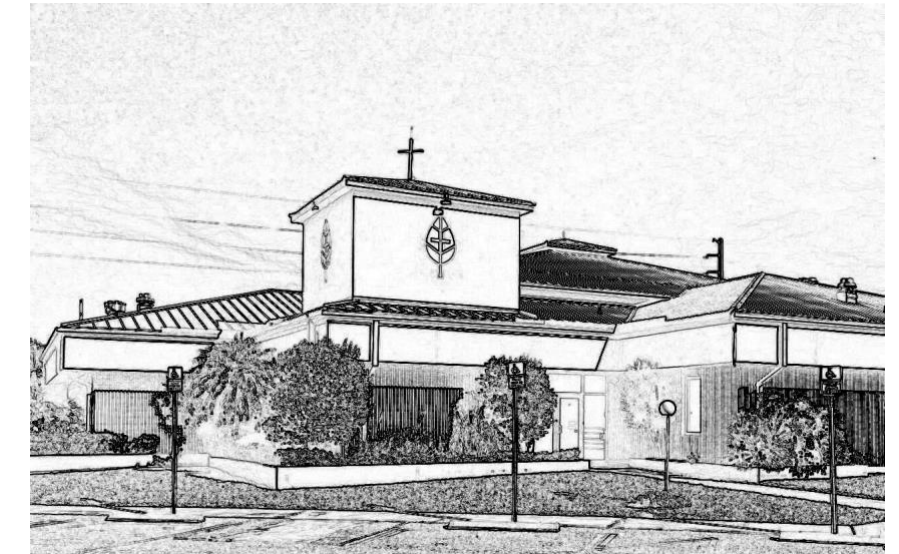
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*SERMON NOTES*

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<b><u>Monday, January 3</u></b>	Office Closed
<b><u>Tuesday, January 4</u></b>	10:00am Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Fellowship Team
<b><u>Thursday, January 6</u></b>	10:00am Game Fellowship 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Friday, January 7</u></b>	12:00pm Sociable Singles
<b><u>Saturday, January 8</u></b>	9:30am Take Down Christmas Decorations
<b><u>Sunday, January 9</u></b>	10:30am Worship Service (Also Online) 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)



***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.*

**January 2, 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
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