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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Nancy Smith

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Adoration* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**INTROIT** *We Are One in the Lord* Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #389** *Spirit of the Living God*

### \*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

**ANTHEM** *The Lord Is My Strength* Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

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

**OFFERTORY** *Blessed* John Scrivener

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You have blessed us with every good gift, generous God. Our hearts overflow with joy and love for the privilege of walking with You and being called Your own. Receive these gifts, we pray, as our faithful and grateful response to Your gifts of grace and mercy in our lives. Amen.

**\*HYMN #390** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:1-13

**MESSAGE** *Come Holy Spirit* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #65** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord (vs. 1,2,4,5)*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** *Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace* George Whelpton  
Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE** *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty* James Mansfield

\*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, 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 who Grieve*

Pray for Rex Anderson and family, whose wife Helen went home to the Lord on December 25th. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 15th at 10:00am.

Pray for Georgia and the family of former member Joe Cherny, who went home to the Lord on December 23rd.

### *Those with Special Needs*

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

### *Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes*

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

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## NOTES

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**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given by Rex Anderson and Robin Salicki in memory of wife and mother, Helen Anderson.

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

**JANUARY 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](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 **YouTube**.

**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>December 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,298.18	\$268,516.37
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,329.81</u>	<u>\$274,867.64</u>
Net	(\$4,031.63)	(\$6,351.27)

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**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).

**STAND IN THE GAP FUND** – The purpose of this fund is to assist supported missionaries and ministries of our church, when they face unexpected financial burdens. To donate to this fund, please mark your gift as SITG.

**DEACON'S FUND** – **NEXT Sunday, January 21st**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don't see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – **Sunday, January 28th at 9:30am.** If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please join us for a one class introduction to FPC. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

**CHANCEL CHOIR** – Singers are needed to balance out our church choir. Rehearsals are one hour long on Thursday and before services on Sunday. We sing from October through May. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 or see her after services on Sunday. *Come and join us in the pleasures of singing praises to God.*

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – **Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00am** – **“Becoming Queen” and “Informing the King”**– **Esther 2:16-23.** Join us for our study of “Esther”, based on *“Becoming a Woman of Beauty & Strength”* by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. *All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.*

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – **Wednesday, January 17th at 10:00am.** The book of Daniel is a favorite for teachers and students alike. And for good reason. It has all the makings of a great story—memorable characters, cliff-hanger drama, and science fiction-like visions. Yet therein lies a potential danger. Because the human actors and events are so fascinating, we are tempted when studying this book to fix our gaze on the human plane. But when this happens, we can inadvertently lose sight of the fact that this book is ultimately not about Daniel or his three friends, but about God and his victory in the world. Sure, the book of Daniel tells Daniel's story—and a fascinating and instructive story it is. But the main purpose of Daniel is to reveal to us who God is—his character, his purposes, his way of working in the world for the good of his people. The main lesson of Daniel, then, is not, as is often assumed (and taught!), *Dare to be a Daniel!* Rather, the main point is this: *Dare to trust in Daniel's God! All are welcome!*

**DESSERT & MOVIE** – **Wednesday, January 17th, 5:00pm.** Join us for dessert night (an assortment of desserts provided by the Fellowship Team), followed by the movie “I Can Only Imagine” at 5:30pm. Sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – **Friday, January 19th, 12:00pm** – Please sign up and join us for lunch at the Captain's Table in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

**ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES** – **Sunday, January 21st at 3:00pm, featuring Cahal Dunne, “Ireland's Piano Man”.** *This concert is sold out.*

**MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, January 26th** – we will be helping at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:15pm. We will return about 8-9pm. *We need 12 people to go*, so please sign up in the church foyer.

**SAVE THE DATE** – **Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00pm.** Potluck Dinner followed by a Hallmark movie.

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – **Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00pm.** Barksdale and Bo host get-together dinners at their home. This will be in groups of eight. You can sign up 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.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT** – A reminder that our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO’s go-to resource for long-term disaster relief.

<https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services>

**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)

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**January 14th to January 21st**

**Sunday, January 14**

10:30am      Worship Service (Also Online)  
11:30am      Fellowship Time  
6:00pm        Prayer Meeting-FB

**Monday, January 15**

2:00pm        Session

**Tuesday, January 16**

10:00am      Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 17**

10:00am      Donuts & Doctrine  
10:00am      Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry  
5:00pm        Dessert and Movie Night

**Thursday, January 18**

10:00am      Game Fellowship  
3:30pm        Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 19**

12:00pm      Ladies Lunch Bunch

**Sunday, January 21**

**Deacon’s Fund Sunday**

10:30am      Worship Service (Also Online)  
11:30am      Fellowship Time  
3:00pm        Concert Series – Cahal Dunne  
6:00pm        Prayer Meeting-FB

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**Acts 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”



***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 14, 2024**

**10:30am**

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<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	Joan Byron
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Denny Ausman
<b>OFFICE &amp; WORSHIP ADMIN</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Don Washabaugh
<b>USHERS</b>	Sharon Albright, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte, Don Willecke