
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Love You Lord* Laurie Klein

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

Pastor: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

All: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

All: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

All: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

All: The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #221** *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

OFFERTORY *The Servant Song* Richard Gillard

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, You give us so much love. You fill us with abundance and mercy. Your gifts to us are constant and numerous. Now we bring to You our dollars and our talents. We bring to You our love and our skills. We bring to You our devotion and our time. Take all of this and take all of us and dedicate us and our gifts to ministry and service. In the name of Jesus Christ, we offer all now. Amen.

***HYMN #349** *O How He Loves You and Me*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 53:1-9

MESSAGE *Suffering Servant* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #677** *Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #232** *God Be with You (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE *Ye Servants of God* Roger C. Wilson

*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	
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 by Bonnie Brown in memory of her mom Rebecca DeMann.

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

SUMMER 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 **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

	June 2023	Year-to-Date
*Tithes & Offerings	\$34,727.13	\$159,215.04
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$20,864.40</u>	<u>\$137,090.86</u>
Net	\$13,862.73	\$ 22,124.18

*The YTD 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 – *Our next class will be held in the Fall.*

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.)

MISSION PROJECT – We have been made aware of the need at Misión Peniel in Immokalee for “backpacks and school supplies” for the children. There are two ways you can contribute to this project:

A financial contribution – The Mission Team will purchase the backpacks

Bring in school supplies and place them in the container in the church foyer

A list of school supplies can be found on the table in the church foyer. This collection will continue to Sunday, August 6th.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – Sundays at 9:15 -10:15am in the Fellowship

Hall. As a Grandparent, you play an important role in your Grandchildren's lives – so important that your influence on them has eternal significance. Becoming an effective Grandparent isn't just another season of your life; it is a God-given calling! Come join us for inspiration, tools, and connection with others as we seek God's truth and guidance in becoming effective, loving Grandparents. This will be a video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale and Bo.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, July 26th at 10:00am.

We continue our study of Mark. Mark is written primarily to Gentiles, and the ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship. For Mark, discipleship is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting Jesus, confessing him, observing his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him. Discipleship also means being prepared to face the kind of rejection that Jesus faced.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – Wednesday, July 26th at 5:00pm – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

THE CHOSEN ON TV – For those who have missed the first two seasons of *The Chosen*, it is coming to TV, on the CW channel. The three existing seasons of the series will begin airing on the CW network on July 16th at 8:00pm, ET/PT. It will continue airing in that timeslot throughout the rest of the year, with the Season 3 finale scheduled to air on Christmas Eve. A fourth season of the series is currently in production, with seven seasons planned.

MISSION LUNCHEON – Thursday, August 3rd, 1:00pm – The first week in August we will be welcoming our missionary Lisa Alfonsi, her husband Clever and son Kaleb from Peru. Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet them and learn about their Wheelchair Ministry. Mark your calendars now and sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, August 4th, 12:00pm – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Perkins in Port Charlotte. *All ladies are invited!*

MISIÓN PENIEL – Mark your calendar for Friday, August 25th -- we will be helping at the Mission bagging groceries from 11:00am - 1:00pm. More details to follow. Sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, September 6th at 5:00pm. Barksdale and Bo host a get-together dinner at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

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

July 23rd to July 30th

Sunday, July 23

- 9:15am Grandparenting Matters
- 10:15am Hymn Sing
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Wednesday, July 26

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
- 5:00pm Dinner and Movie – The Chosen

Thursday, July 27

- 10:00am Game Fellowship

Sunday, July 30

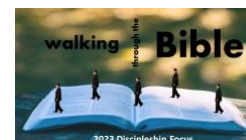
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SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 53:1-9

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.



Bible Readings

- July 23 Isaiah 40:1-44:5
- July 24 Isaiah 44:6-48:11
- July 25 Isaiah 48:12-52:12
- July 26 Isaiah 52:13-57:21
- July 27 Isaiah 58:1-63:14
- July 28 Isaiah 63:15-66:24
- 2 Kings 20:20-21
- 2 Chronicles 32:32-33
- July 29 2 Kings 21:1-9
- 2 Chronicles 33:1-9
- 2 Kings 21:10-17
- 2 Chronicles 33:10-19
- 2 Kings 21:18
- 2 Chronicles 33:20
- 2 Kings 21:19-26
- 2 Chronicles 33:21-25
- 2 Kings 22:1-2
- 2 Chronicles 34:1-7
- Jeremiah 1:1-2:22



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.

July 23, 2023

10:30am

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| PASTOR | Dr. Barksdale Pullen |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR | Joan Byron |
| ORGANIST | Denny Ausman |
| OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN | Debbie Rostad |
| LITURGIST | Bev Brady |
| USHERS | Maria Greene, Matthew Greene, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte |