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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Nancy Smith

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Jesus Loves Me / Claire de Lune* arr. Fred Bock

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*HYMN #105** *We Will Glorify*

### \*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 #812

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *Getting Used to the Family of God* Wm. & Gloria Gaither  
(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

### \*DOXOLOGY #815

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #139** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 1:1-9; 5:12-14

**MESSAGE** *Apostle of Hope* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #572** *Blessed Assurance*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE #419** *The Family of God*

**POSTLUDE** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* 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 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 who Grieve

Pray for the family of Gail Evans, whose sister Linda went home to the Lord on May 4th.

### Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	Joan Byron
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.

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

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

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given by Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale in memory of their mothers.

**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](https://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](https://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).

**DEACON'S FUND** – **NEXT Sunday, May 15th**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, May 9th at 10am.**

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – **Wednesday, May 11th, 10:00am**— **NEW STUDY** – based on book *“Thriving in Babylon”* by Lary Osborne. These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation? In this 5-session series, Larry Osborne introduces us to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived. Each session also includes real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society. Though Daniel lived thousands of years ago, he has much to teach us today.

**All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall!**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – **Tuesday, May 17th, 10:00am–11:30am.** Lesson 6 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.**

**CROSSROADS HOPE ACADEMY** – **Thursday, May 19th --** Anyone interested in going to Crossroads to meet students and talk with the staff about what we can do to help that ministry, please contact Patti MacDonald or sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – **Friday, May 20th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Luigi's Pizzeria, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

### MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

**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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May 8th to May 15th

<b>Sunday, May 8</b> 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b> Worship Service Prayer Meeting (Facebook)
<b>Monday, May 9</b> 10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
<b>Tuesday, May 10</b> 7:00pm	Bion Cantorum
<b>Wednesday, May 11</b> 10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
<b>Thursday, May 12</b> 10:00am 4:30pm	Game Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, May 15</b> 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Deacon's Fund Sunday</b> Worship Service (Also Online) Prayer Meeting (Online)



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SERMON NOTES

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1 Peter 1:1-9; 5:12-14

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>12</sup> By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. <sup>13</sup> She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with the kiss of love.



*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.*

May 8, 2022

10:30am

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PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Don Washabaugh
USHERS	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Kay Callahan, Susie Lorenz