
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Song for The King of Kings* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #3** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Old Irish Blessing* arr. Denes Agay
Harmonettes

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

OFFERTORY *The Master Calls* R. E. Nolte

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for You. Multiply them and use them to build Your church in this community. May they extend Your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of Your people. In His name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #259** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs. 1, 3, 4)*

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:5 – 2:18

MESSAGE *Christ is Greater Than the Angels* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #431** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #426** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 3)*

POSTLUDE *Everlasting Joy* Lani Smith

*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 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 Dr. Hal Freeburn, former member, who went home to the Lord.

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

NOTES

NEW NAME TAGS – We have had a request for new name tags with magnets instead of our current clip ones. This Sunday on the Name Tag Table there will be an example of a new Magnetic Name Tag. If you would like one of these, please write your name on the sheet. Thanks!

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Marguerite O'Brien in memory of her husband John O'Brien.

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

LIBRARY IS OPEN – Stop by the expanded library and see the new titles and resources available to help in your Christian walk. (The puzzles are also there. 😊)

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 [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!

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 – **Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30am** -- We will have a one class introduction to FPC. If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please sign up in the church foyer.

HURRICANE SEASON – We are in the heart of hurricane season and wanted to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, join us online. We have a text messaging system to notify members if Services/Events are canceled. If you are a regular attendee and wish to be included on the text message, please note that on the Fellowship Pad.

GREETER TEAM – Looking for a few individuals to rotate monthly in the foyer as Greeters. If interested, see Barksdale or Bev Brady.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel devotionals, and others.

CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING – **Sunday, October 2nd, following the Worship Service** – Make plans to stay for our Town Hall Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the church of the different activities - fellowship, service, and discipleship - for the fall season. The meeting is for members and regular attendees and will last about 30 minutes.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE – **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.** This fall we look at the *Name Above All Names* – a study of the names of God as they describe His attributes in the Old Testament and New Testament. God's many names reveal not only different dimensions of His character but also point to their fulfillment in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. We can now see God in new lights and angles as we learn of His justice, His unbounded love, His preeminence, and His character -- all through His names. *This study is also online, simply go to our website at: <https://www.fpcpunta.org/name-above-all>.*

BURGERS FOR BADGES – **Monday, September 19th, 11:00am – 1:00pm** – Help us show our appreciation to our Fire and Sheriff Departments as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer. *If you would like to help underwrite this event, simply place a check in the offering plate and write "Burgers" in the memo line.*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00am** with Lesson 9 (James 2:5-13, Dealing with favoritism, Part 2) of *Growing in Wisdom & Faith, a study of James* by Elizabeth George from her "A Woman After God's Own Heart" series. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. *All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.*

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, October 5th, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners at their home on **October 5th and November 2nd**. This will be in groups of eight, and 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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, October 7th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

MEDICARE – Do you have any questions about your Medicare and what it will do for you next year? Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2023. Join him **Saturday, October 15th at 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Now is the best time to prepare for 2023. (No products will be sold during this meeting, it is informational.)

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES for 2022-2023 is set. Flyer is available in the church foyer or on our website www.fpcpunta.org under Ministries / Concert Series. *The first concert is Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00pm, featuring The Dunnemans.*

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)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 18th to September 25th

Sunday, September 18

10:30am

6:00pm

Deacons Fund Sunday

Worship Service

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Monday, September 19

11:00am

2:00pm

Burgers for Badges

Session

Tuesday, September 20

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, September 21

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, September 22

10:00am

4:30pm

Game Fellowship

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 25

10:15am

10:30am

6:00pm

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 1:5 – 2:18

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? ⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” ⁷ In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.” ⁸ But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” ¹⁰ He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. ¹² You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.” ¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? ¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

¹ We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified: “What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? ⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor ⁸ and put everything under their feet.” In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. ⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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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.

September 18, 2022

10:30am

PASTOR

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