
WORSHIP SERVICE – Palm Sunday

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *The Holy City* Stephen Adams
Denny Ausman, Organ and Sue Mesler, Flute

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee* Sarah Douglas

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 12)

Pastor: In that day you will say: “I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

All: *Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.*

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

All: *In that day you will say: “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.*

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

All: *Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *Christ, Be Our Light!* Bernadette Farrell
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #21** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*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.

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ANTHEM *Lift Up Your Heads / Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
Steve Fry / Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Offertoire* J. L. Battman

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Hosanna to the Savior! We offer ourselves today in praise and thanksgiving for the One who saves us. Take and bless these gifts as tokens of our very lives, as we follow Jesus on the path to crucifixion and resurrection. Amen.

***HYMN #100** *Thou Art Worthy (repeat)*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21-27; Mark 11-15; Luke 19-23; John 12-19

MESSAGE *Holy Week* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #300** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #296** *Hosanna (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE *For A Festive Occasion* Robert A. Roesh

*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	Jack Rothley
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 today by John and Ramona Douglas in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – *We will print new directories in the next couple of weeks, so please let us know of any updates to your information.*

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

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

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!

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	February	Year-to-Date
*Tithes & Offerings	\$20,500.57	\$59,112.08
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$22,168.10</u>	<u>\$48,541.12</u>
Net	\$ (1,667.53)	\$10,570.96

*This 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 – *Next Class will be on May 21st.* 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 join us. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

SANCTUARY CROSS – The Colors of the Cross are a symbolic depiction of the Easter season. For the beginning of the Lenten Season the cross is draped in purple. The purple cloth remains on the cross from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday representing royalty – the King of kings has come. The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday through Saturday – representing His death. The white cloth is placed on the cross Easter Sunday representing His resurrection – His victory over sin, death and Satan.

SEASON OF LENT DEVOTIONALS – We have devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (April 2-9).

EASTER LILIES – We will be decorating the church with lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate one in remembrance or honor of a loved one, please use the offering envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$7 for each lily. **Please have your envelope back by Monday, April 3rd**, in time for the bulletin insert.

LIVING CROSS – We are requesting flowers and greenery for the “living cross” for Easter morning. **Please bring both the flowers and greenery at 10:00am on Saturday, April 8th.** Sign up in the church foyer to help with the “living cross”.

EASTER POSTCARD – Pick up an Easter Postcard in the church foyer and invite a neighbor to church Easter Week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Palm Sunday – April 2 – 10:30am Worship Service**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 6 – 7:00pm Communion Service**
- **Good Friday – April 7 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 9 – 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service**

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, April 4th at 10:00am* with Lesson 21 (James 5:1-6 “Calculating the Truth About Wealth” 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.**

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *Wednesday, April 5th, at 10:00am.* Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for our weekly Bible study. We continue our study on John’s epistles.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, April 7th, 1:15pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Riviera in Punta Gorda. **All ladies are invited!**

BURGERS FOR BADGES – *Monday, April 17th, 11:00am – 1:00pm* – Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff’s Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us in Fellowship Hall and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer. **If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as “B4B”.**

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – *Friday, April 21st* – Join us for our next trip to Misión Peniel in Immokalee to help bag groceries to the migrant farm workers. **We will carpool from our church at 9:30am.** On our way back, we will stop for lunch at Cracker Barrel. Please sign up in the church foyer.

PEACE GARDENS – *Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00am* – Fellowship Team has a tour scheduled to visit Peace Gardens here in Punta Gorda. Watch for more details.

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

April 2nd to April 9th

Sunday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 4

10:00am Women’s Bible Study
1:30pm Fellowship Team
4:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 5

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, April 6

10:00am Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Game Fellowship
Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 7

12:00pm Good Friday
1:15pm Good Friday Service
Ladies Lunch Bunch

Saturday, April 8

10:00am Living Cross

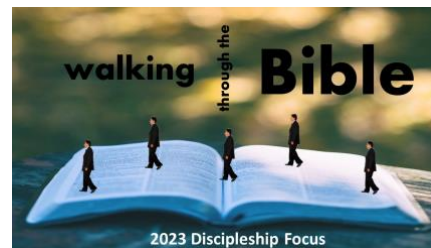
Sunday, April 9

10:00am Easter Sunday
Living Cross
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time

SERMON NOTES

Holy Week

Matthew 21-27; Mark 11-15; Luke 19-23; John 12-19

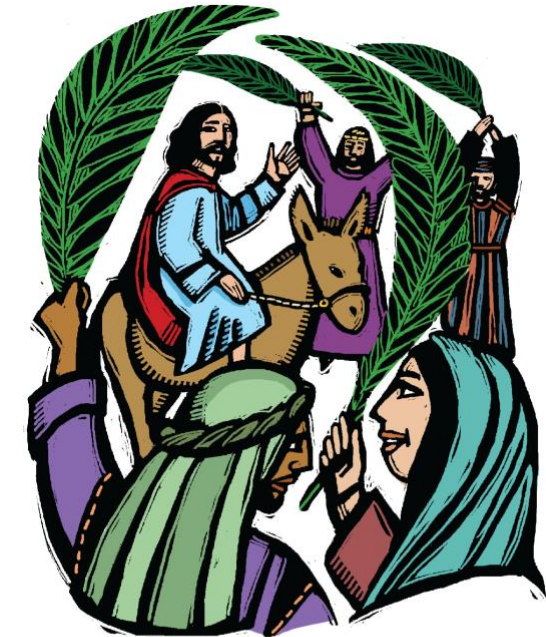


Bible Readings

- April 2 Judges 7:1-9:21
- April 3 Judges 9:22-11:28
- April 4 Judges 11:29-15:20
- April 5 Judges 16:1-18:31
- April 6 Judges 19:1-21:25
- April 7 Ruth 1:1-4:12
- April 8 Ruth 4:13-22
1 Chronicles 2:9-55
1 Chronicles 4:1-23
1 Samuel 1:1-8

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**“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!”**

Luke 19:38, NIV

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.

April 2, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Don Washabaugh
USHERS	Sam Cessna, Judy Cornell, Susie Lorenz, Patti MacDonald