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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Think on Me* Lady John Scott

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25, 111 and Jeremiah 31)

Pastor: Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

**All:** *Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.*

Pastor: “The time is coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

**All:** *The Lord is gracious and compassionate. He remembers his covenant forever.*

**INTROIT** *Jesus, Keep Me Near* Ellen Purchase  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #97** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to love others according to Your will. We judge them and make assumptions about others without ever trying to take the time to understand them. We see them not with the eyes of Jesus, but with our selfish eyes. Please forgive us and help us to remember that Jesus came to give His life for all people. May we show grace and mercy to others just as You have done for us. (*Silent Confession*)

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \*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 #813

**ANTHEM** *The Wonder of Grace* Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *Shepherd of Love* John W. Peterson

(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #705** *It Is Well with My Soul*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 22:14-23

**MESSAGE** *Lord’s Supper* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Lamb of God*

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN #384** *Spirit Song*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** *Jesus Shall Reign* Benton Price

\*Please stand, if able

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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

*The Memorial Service for Ella Sifferd will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at 11:00am at the Sifferd’s home.*

Pray for the family of Larry Pritchard, who went home to the Lord on March 1st. *Donations can be made in Larry’s name to Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation.*

### 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*

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## NOTES

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

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

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

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given by Charles Sampsel in memory of his father, Charles F. Sampsel, M.D.

**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 [vimeo livestream](https://vimeo.com/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!

### \*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE\*\*\*

- **Palm Sunday – April 10 – 10:30am Worship Service**
- **Passover Seder Meal – April 13 – 5:00pm**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 14 – 7:00pm Communion Service**
- **Good Friday – April 15 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 17 – 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service**

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**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 three devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (April 10 –17).

**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 11th**, 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 16th.** Sign up in the church foyer to help with the “living cross”.

**C.L.A.S.S. 101 – DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?** – Simply go to our website at [fpcpunta.org](http://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.

**C.L.A.S.S. 201 – DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY – Sundays through April 3rd from 9:15-10:15am** – We will focus on four basic habits that every Christian needs to develop in order to grow to spiritual maturity. This class will equip you with the skills you need to begin these habits and will explain the tools you will need to continue them. Facilitated by John Evans. Sign up in the church foyer.

**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).

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**PUNTA GORDA MURAL WALK Monday, April 4th**– Join Pastor Barksdale as we walk through downtown Punta Gorda and see eleven of the murals and learn a little of the history of Punta Gorda. The walk is approximately two miles and we will **gather at the church at 9:30am**. We will finish around 11:30am at Harbor Scoops for a treat. Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer, limited to twelve people.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**– *Tuesday, April 5th, 10:00am–11:30am*. Lessons 3 and 4 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.**

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** — *Wednesday, April 6th at 10:00am* – Pastor Barksdale Pullen continues a study of *The History of the Bible in the history of the world*. Join us as we explore the rise of the Kingdom of God thru the Bible in the context of world history. **All are welcome!**

**PASSOVER SEDER MEAL** — *Wednesday, April 13th, 5:00pm* – Join Pastor Barksdale and Bill Hutt as they take you through a traditional Passover Celebration, pointing out how this meal foreshadowed Christ’s death and resurrection that are symbolized in the elements of the Seder Meal. Afterwards we will enjoy a family style meal prepared by our Fellowship Team. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, April 22nd, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at the Red Lobster in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

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**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES (continued)**

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**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”)

**Backpack Ministry (Easter Project)** – Please consider a financial donation to support this special project (mark as “backpacks”).

**CROSSROADS HOPE ACADEMY** – Anyone interested in going to Crossroads Academy to meet students and talk with the staff about what we can do to help that ministry, please contact Patti MacDonald.

**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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***April 3rd to April 10th***

<b><u>Sunday, April 3</u></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday</b>
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
<b><u>Monday, April 4</u></b>	
9:30am	Mural Walk of Punta Gorda
<b><u>Tuesday, April 5</u></b>	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
1:30pm	Fellowship Team
<b><u>Wednesday, April 6</u></b>	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
<b><u>Thursday, April 7</u></b>	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
4:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Sunday, April 10</u></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**Luke 22-14-23 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.



***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.*

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**April 3, 2022**

**10:30am**

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<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>CHOIR 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>	Kathy Belville, Kay Callahan, Marjorie Haun, Patti Nuznoff