
WORSHIP SERVICE – PALM SUNDAY

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Palms* Jean B. Faure, arr. Peery
Debbie Rostad and Denny Ausman, Piano Duet

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – *Hosanna To The Son Of David*

from Luke 9:51; 19:36; Matthew 21:8; Luke 19:37-38; Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

Pastor: As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. When He came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

All: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Pastor: The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted:

All: “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *Our Song Shall Rise to Thee* Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir

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

*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

ANTHEM *Hosanna to the King of Kings* Mary Kay Beall
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *May Jesus Christ Be Praised* Barnby, arr. DeCou
Debbie Rostad, Piano and Denny Ausman, Organ

*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 #633** *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40

MESSAGE *Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #45** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* Sicilian Mariners
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Triumphal March* Theodore Dubois

*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, 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 Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner
Lynn Lang Ron Sixt Dave Sifferd

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown - *Life Care, Punta Gorda*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Billie and Ron Sixt in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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

MARCH 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

	February 2024	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$24,914.42	\$49,460.58
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,088.12</u>	<u>\$48,358.80</u>
Net	\$1,826.30	\$1,101.78

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – **A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online**. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

SEASON OF LENT DEVOTIONALS – We have devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (*March 24 – March 30*).

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.

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 tomorrow, Monday, March 25th**, 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 9:00am on Saturday, March 30th**. 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 – March 24 – 10:30am Worship Service**
- **Maundy Thursday – March 28 – 5:00pm Communion Service**
- **Good Friday – March 29 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – March 31 – 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service**

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – ***WILL NOT MEET THIS WEDNESDAY*** – *We will resume Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00am.* We continue our study of the book of Daniel which tells Daniel’s story—and a fascinating and instructive story it is. But the main purpose of Daniel is to reveal to us who God is—his character, his purposes, his way of working in the world for the good of his people. The main lesson of Daniel, then, is not, as is often assumed (and taught!), *Dare to be a Daniel!* Rather, the main point is this: *Dare to trust in Daniel’s God! All are welcome!*

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:00am* – **“Choosing at the Crossroads” – Esther 4:9-17.** Join us for our study of “Esther”, based on *“Becoming a Woman of Beauty & Strength”* by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. **All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.**

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:00pm.* Barksdale and Bo host get-together dinners at their home for groups of eight. 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, April 5th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Riviera in Punta Gorda. **All ladies are invited!**

CONCERT SERIES – *Sunday, April 7th, 3:00pm* – Stephanie Smith, our former organist, will present the last concert of our 2023-2024 Concert Series. Stephanie will share some of her favorite hymn-based compositions. Free will offering.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, April 26th** – we will help at the Mission in the morning. Please meet at the church at 9:15am, leaving at 9:30am. *We need 5-6 people to go*, so please sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – A reminder that our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO’s go-to resource for long-term disaster relief.

<https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services>

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 2024 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)

STAND IN THE GAP FUND – The purpose of this fund is to assist supported missionaries and ministries of our church, when they face unexpected financial burdens. To donate to this fund, please mark your gift as SITG.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

March 24th to March 31st

Sunday, March 24

10:15am
10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Palm Sunday

Hymn Sing
Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

Tuesday, March 26

3:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

10:00am

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, March 28

10:00am
5:00pm

Maundy Thursday

Game Fellowship
Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, March 29

12:00pm

Good Friday

Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

9:00am

Living Cross

Sunday, March 31

10:30am
11:30am

Easter Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time

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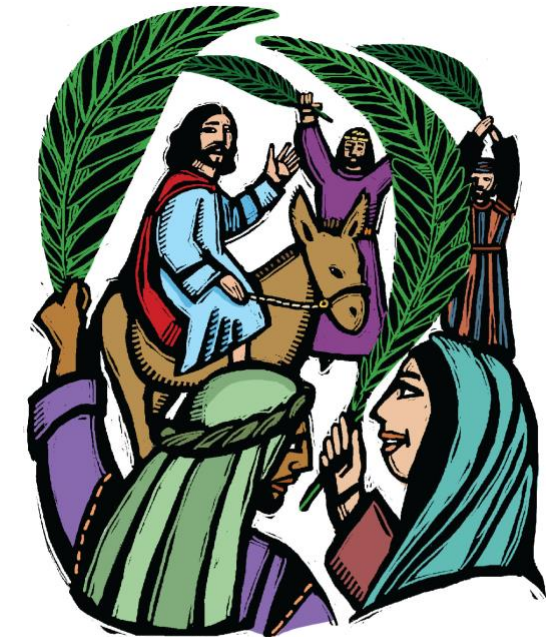
Website: fpcpunta.org

Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

SERMON NOTES

Luke 19:28-40 (NIV)

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” ⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”



**“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.

March 24, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Joan Byron

ORGANIST

Denny Ausman

OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN

Debbie Rostad

LITURGIST

Sam Cessna

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Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte