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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Nancy Smith

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Aria Tranquillo* Glen Medlock

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 1)*

Pastor: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked

**All:** *or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,*

Pastor: but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

**All:** *and who meditates on his law day and night.*

Pastor: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

**All:** *which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither —  
whatever they do prospers.*

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**\*HYMN #510** *Heaven Came Down*

### \*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 #812

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

**OFFERTORY** *Footprints* J. W. Snyder  
Nancy Smith

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

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #87** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:1-12

**MESSAGE** *Christian Character* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

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

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** *Sortie Eroica* Stanley E. Saxton

\*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 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.

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

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

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

**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**.

**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!

**NOTE FROM BARKSDALE AND BO** – To the congregation of FPC, we just want to say a huge heartfelt THANK-YOU for the very generous and unexpected gift last Sunday. The Friday emails always end with a verse from I Thess., which reads, “*ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.*” Indeed, it has been our joy and privilege the past 2 ½ years to share our lives with you. We love this congregation and y’all have become very dear to us! We look forward to many more years of service to His Kingdom with you. God bless you all and Thank you again!

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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](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.

**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, June 19th**, 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, June 13th at 10am**.

**PHILIPPIANS – Epistle of Joy** – Join us on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am** for **Donuts & Doctrine**. This summer we are looking at Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. “Paul's joy at the mere thought of the Philippian church is undeniable in the letter, and it's that same joy that he wanted the recipients to possess as well. To lead the Philippians to this truth, Paul took them directly to Jesus, teaching them that a community of believers living in harmony with one another comes only through mutual humility modeled after the Savior. Paul wrote that he poured out his life as an offering for the sake of Christ, leading Paul to find great joy and contentment in Christ's service. His letter to the Philippians showed them that by centering their lives on Christ, they, too, might live in true joy.” (Chuck Swindoll)

**CROSSROADS BBQ – Thursday, June 16th, 11:30am** – Join us for a Barbecue lunch with the boys from Crossroads Hope Academy at our church's barbecue pit. Please sign up to help at the event or cook/bake food for the barbecue.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, June 17th, 12:00pm** – Join us for **lunch** at Olive Garden in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, June 21st, 10:00am–11:30am**. Lesson 7 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.**

**SUNSET CRUISE – Wednesday, June 22nd, 6:30pm** – Meet at the dock of Fisherman's Village, enjoy a glorious Florida sunset over Charlotte Harbor while you tour the waterfront, and relax at the end of yet another perfect day. Cruise duration is 90 minutes and begins at 7:00pm (arrive at the dock at 6:30pm), by King Fisher Cruises. The cost is \$27.00 per person.

**JULY 4TH CONCERT – Sunday, July 3rd, 3:00pm** – Bion Cantorum and First Presbyterian are sponsoring a Fourth of July concert. Members of Bion Cantorum, the Chancel Choir and other community singers will participate in an uplifting and totally Patriotic Concert. We will salute our Veterans and perform old standards such as *America, God Bless America, and Yankee Doodle* as well as some new and exciting patriotic music. **An Ice Cream Social follows the concert.** Meet the performers and have some wonderful ice cream. This is a free-will offering concert with a suggested donation of \$15.00. For further information call 941-661-1553 or call the church at 941-639-1959 or go online to [www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org). Come out and enjoy a wonderful holiday tradition!

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, July 6th, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners this summer at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up for a Wednesday night (**July 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th**) 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.

**DINNER & MOVIE NIGHTS – Wednesday, July 13th, 5:00pm** – Come for dinner and stay for a movie. **Christmas in July – The Chosen Christmas Special (2021) – The Messengers**. The Chosen has created a special episode about the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph.

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### MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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**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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#### *June 12th to June 19th*

**Sunday, June 12**

10:30am      Worship Service  
6:00pm      Prayer Meeting - FaceBook

**Monday, June 13**

10:00am      Prayer Shawl Gathering

**Tuesday, June 14**

**Flag Day**  
10:00am      Missions Team  
7:00pm      Patriotic Concert Rehearsal

**Wednesday, June 15**

10:00am      Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

**Thursday, June 16**

10:00am      Game Fellowship  
11:30am      Crossroads BBQ

**Friday, June 17**

12:00pm      Ladies Lunch Bunch

**Sunday, June 19**

**Deacon's Fund Sunday**  
**Happy Father's Day**  
10:30am      Worship Service (Also Online)  
6:00pm      Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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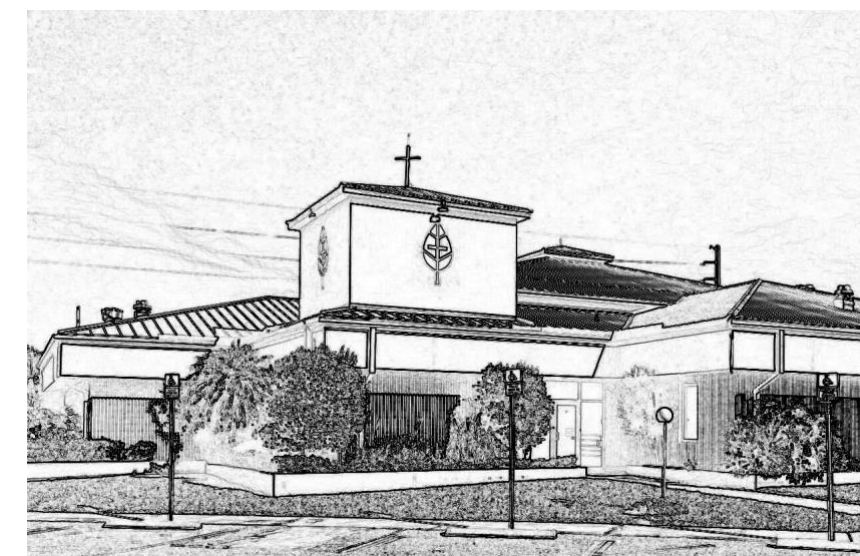
### SERMON NOTES

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#### Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



### *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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June 12, 2022

10:30am

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Joan Byron

ORGANIST

Denny Ausman

OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN

Debbie Rostad

LITURGIST

Beverly Brady

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