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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Hymn Festival – Reformation  
A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Instrumental Opening)  
Hymn #788 – Now Thank We All Our God  
Out of The Depths, I Cry to Thee  
Hymn #101 – All People That on Earth Do Dwell, vs. 1,2,3,4  
Hymn #654 – Change My Heart, O God  
Ah, Holy Jesus

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Thank You, Lord* Benton Price

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 89:1 and 51:14-15)

Pastor: Sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with your mouth make known his faithfulness to all generations.

*People: O God of my salvation, my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.*

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**INTROIT** *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir

\***HYMN #151** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

### \*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

**ANTHEM** *Find Us Faithful* Jon Mohr, arr. Gary Rhodes  
Chancel Choir

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

**OFFERTORY** *He Comes To Us* Gilbert M. Martin

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of praise and thanks for Your presence and Your love. We praise You for Your church and its witness and ministry to all. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by Your Spirit and further the ministries of Your church through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

\***HYMN #147** *How Great Thou Art*

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11

**MESSAGE** *Faith* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

\***HYMN #235** *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE** *Let Me Be Thine Forever* J. C. Bach, arr. Lani Smith

\*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 Misi3n 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 Barb Harris and family, whose husband Rich went home to the Lord on October 6th.

The Memorial Service for Ron Gensemer will be on Wednesday, December 7th, at 2:00pm in our Sanctuary.

### *Those with Special Needs*

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	Jack Rothley
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris		

### *Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes*

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

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## NOTES

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**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 by Joan and Ray Byron in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary.

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

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

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – 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](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://www.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!

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**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).

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – **TODAY 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 join us.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** – A new ministry team has been formed that will be responsible for the planning and serving of the receptions that follow Memorial Services. Joan Hoffman is the Chairperson. If you are interested in helping her, please sign up in the church foyer. This is a good opportunity for someone to be involved with a simple ministry but also a much appreciated one.

**THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING** – This year we will support two ministries with our Thanksgiving offerings (through November 20th).

Jesus Loves You Ministry – “Blue Jeans Project”

St. Vincent de Paul – “Thanksgiving Meals Project”

Please use the special “Gifting Envelopes” and make checks payable to FPC.

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**MURAL WALKING TOUR OF PUNTA GORDA – TOMORROW at 9:30am** – Join us for a walking tour led by 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. We will gather at the church at 9:30am and finish around 11:00am 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, November 1st at 10:00am** with Lesson 11 (James 2:18-26 “Working Out Your Faith” 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** – **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.** Join us in November as we begin a new study getting ready for the Advent Season. We will be looking at the Old Testament prophecies regarding the coming of the Messiah - Jesus.

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – **Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting a get-together dinner at their home. 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, November 4th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Brooklyn Joe's in Punta Gorda. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

**WELCOME BACK DINNER** – **Wednesday, November 16th at 5:00pm** – Join us for a Chili Dinner. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** – Sign up in the church foyer to help decorate our church on **Saturday, November 26th, 9:00am.**

**LUNCH 'N' LEARN** – **Thursday, November 30th, 12:00pm** – Presented by the Sheriff's Department on “Scams & Crimes Pulled on Seniors”. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**CONCERT SERIES** – **Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm** – Our next concert is The Two Piano Group. Come and hear their traditional mix of contemporary and traditional favorites, plus some new and innovative selections. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

**BABY SHOWER FOR MISSIONARIES KATIE AND CHASEN BROKAW** – **Thursday, December 8th at 2:00pm by ZOOM** -- Due to shipping issues, we are asking for financial donations and a card instead of gifts. Katie will then be able to get the things she needs. Please sign up in the church foyer.



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## MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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**HURRICANE IAN RELIEF:** For those wanting to help those in need, you may support relief agencies that are doing work here. One serving locally in Punta Gorda, Englewood, and Fort Myers is Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>).

**SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – Friday, December 9th, 11:00am – 1:00pm** – FPC has an opportunity to serve the workers in Immokalee handing out groceries. If you are interested, please sign up in the church foyer.

### **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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### *October 30th to November 6th*

#### **Sunday, October 30**

9:30am

10:15am

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

#### **Reformation Sunday**

Membership Class

Hymn Festival

Worship Service

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

#### **Monday, October 31**

9:30am

Mural Walk of Punta Gorda

#### **Tuesday, November 1**

10:00am

Women's Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, November 2**

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

10:00am

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

5:00pm

Pullen Up a Chair

#### **Thursday, November 3**

10:00am

Game Fellowship

4:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, November 4**

12:00pm

Ladies Lunch Bunch

#### **Saturday, November 5**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

#### **Sunday, November 6**

10:30am

**Communion Sunday**

Worship Service (Also Online)

11:30am

Fellowship Time

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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## SERMON NOTES

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### Hebrews 11

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. <sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, <sup>18</sup> even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." <sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. <sup>23</sup> By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. <sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

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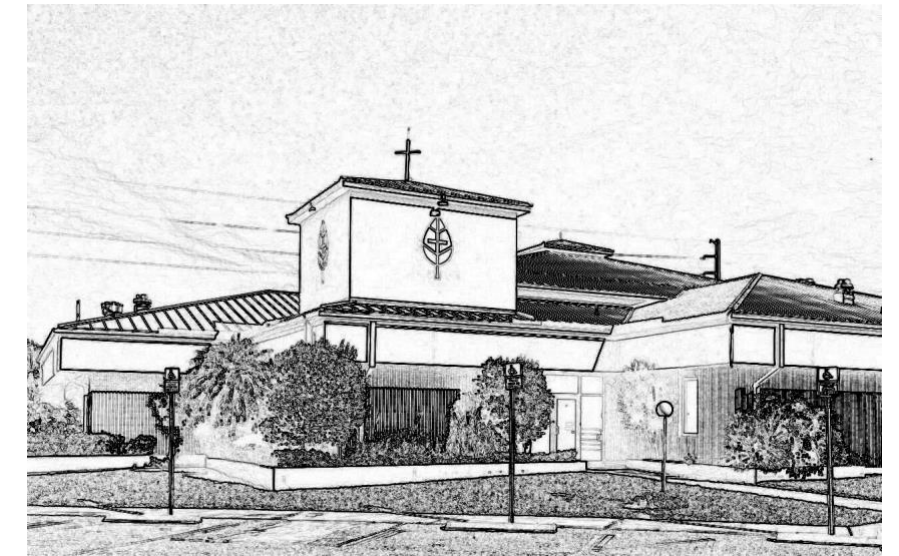
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### *Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!*

*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.*

**October 30, 2022**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Joan Byron

**ORGANIST**

Denny Ausman

**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**

Debbie Rostad

**LITURGIST**

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