
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Praise Songs led by Gail Thornton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNER Judith Cornnell

PRELUDE *Above All* LeBlanc/LaBloche, arr. Inman

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *O Worship the Lord (Psalm 96)* Anonymous
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #656** *Take Time to Be Holy*

***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**

MISSION MOMENT Misión Peniel – Miguel Estrada

ANTHEM *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Bonnie Duckworth
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Free at Last* Wm. & Gloria Gaither, Gary Paxton

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 #621** *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

SCRIPTURE Exodus 32:25-26, 30-35

MESSAGE *Israel's Unbelief* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #112** *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #426** Best Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1

POSTLUDE *Ancient of Days* Roger C. Wilson

*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 who Grieve

Pray for Frances Frost and family, whose son Andy went home to the Lord on January 22nd. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 18th at 2:30pm.

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, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

NEW COVENANT PARTNER – We welcome Judith Cornnell today.

ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Dawson Joseph Horne, great-grandson of Margie Smith. Dawson was born on January 27th to Danielle and Derek of Oshkosh, WI.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Marguerite O'Brien in memory of her husband, John.

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

FEBRUARY 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.

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

	January	Year-to-Date
*Tithes & Offerings	\$38,611.51	\$38,611.51
Cash Expenditures	\$26,373.02	\$26,373.02
Net	\$12,238.49	\$12,238.49

*This amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given this month

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.)

DEACON'S FUND – Next Sunday, February 19th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE – *TODAY following the service.* This is a short service of remembrance for those who passed away in 2022 from our church family and in memory of other loved ones. We will begin in the Sanctuary and move to the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden.

CONCERT SERIES – *The Goldtones THIS afternoon at 3:00pm.* The Goldtones are one of Florida's premiere vocal harmony groups. This is a ticketed event - \$15.00 Donation, available in the church office. Plan to attend this concert! *If not sold out, tickets will be available at the door.*

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall *this Monday, February 13th at 10am.*

VALENTINES DINNER – *This Tuesday, February 14th at 5:00pm* – Join us to celebrate Valentine's Day with a Potluck Dinner and Movie. Sign up now.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *Wednesday, February 15th, at 10:00am.* The Book of Job presents us with several tough questions about life. We look forward to some good discussion around God's Word, and we trust that at the end of our study we can say with Job, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, February 17th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at Peter's Family Restaurant, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, February 21st at 10:00am* with Lesson 18 (James 4:7-10 "Drawing Near to God" 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.*

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – *Friday, February 24th* – We have an opportunity to serve at Misión Peniel in Immokalee by bagging and distributing groceries to the migrant farm workers. We will carpool from our church at 12:30pm. On our way back, we will stop for dinner at Cracker Barrel. Please sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, March 1st at 5:00pm.* Barksdale and Bo will be hosting a get-together dinner at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

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

February 12th to February 19th

Sunday, February 12

- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Valentine Memorial Service
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 3:00pm Concert Series – The Goldtones
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting - FaceBook

Monday, February 13

- 10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine’s Day**
- 10:00am Mission Team
 - 5:00pm Valentine Dinner

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

- 10:00am Game Fellowship
- 4:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 17

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, February 19

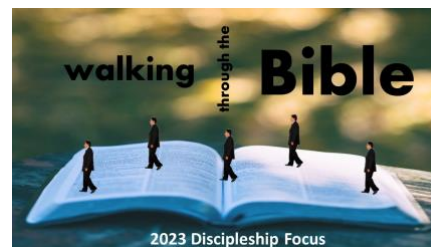
- Deacon’s Fund Sunday**
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 - 11:30am Fellowship Time
 - 6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Exodus 32:25-26, 30-35

²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the Lord, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” ³¹ So Moses went back to the Lord and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.” ³³ The Lord replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. ³⁴ Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.” ³⁵ And the Lord struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.



- February 12 Exodus 35:1-36:38
- February 13 Exodus 37:1-39:31
- February 14 Exodus 39:32-40:38
- Numbers 9:15-23
- February 15 Numbers 7:1-89
- February 16 Numbers 8:1-9:14
- Leviticus 1:1-3:17
- February 17 Leviticus 4:1-6:30
- February 18 Leviticus 7:1-8:36

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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.

February 12, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Joan Byron
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
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