
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Morning Blessing* Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #401** *The Church's One Foundation*

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Lord's Prayer*
Denny Ausman

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

OFFERTORY *Father, I Adore You* arr. Fred Bock
(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #638** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:33-48

MESSAGE *Believer's Relationships 3* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #503** *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Living God* Franklin Ritter

*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 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 with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Robert Cuzner in Memory of Roger Long.

ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Beck Leo Basham, 8th great-grandson of Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale. Beck was born on July 9th to Jake and Meghan of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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 – 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!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

C.L.A.S.S. 101 – DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? – Simply go to our website at 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.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misi3n Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

CROSSROADS PICKLEBALL - Tuesday, July 19th, 9:00am. The Crossroads boys will be meeting at the Punta Gorda YMCA for another Pickleball lesson. If you are interested in helping, please contact Patti MacDonald at 240-994-6387.

PHILIPPIANS – Epistle of Joy – Join us **Wednesday, July 20th, 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)

MINISTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Wednesday, July 20th, 11:00am. As we increase our church's involvement with *Jesus Loves You Ministry* and *Crossroads Hope Academy*, Laurie White, a street outreach case manager with Charlotte Behavioral Health, will come and present helpful ideas of working with these ministries. Sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, August 3rd, 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 (**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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, August 5th, 12:00pm – Join us for lunch at The Twisted Fork, 2208 El Jobean Rd.(Hwy. 776), Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *We will not meet in July and August. We will resume on September 6th* with Lesson 8 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.**

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”)

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

July 17th to July 24th

Sunday, July 17

10:30am

6:00pm

Deacon's Fund Sunday

Worship Service

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Monday, July 18

2:00pm

Session

Tuesday, July 19

9:00am

Crossroads Pickleball at YMCA

Wednesday, July 20

10:00am

11:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Ministry Training

Thursday, July 21

10:00am

Game Fellowship

Sunday, July 24

10:30am

6:00pm

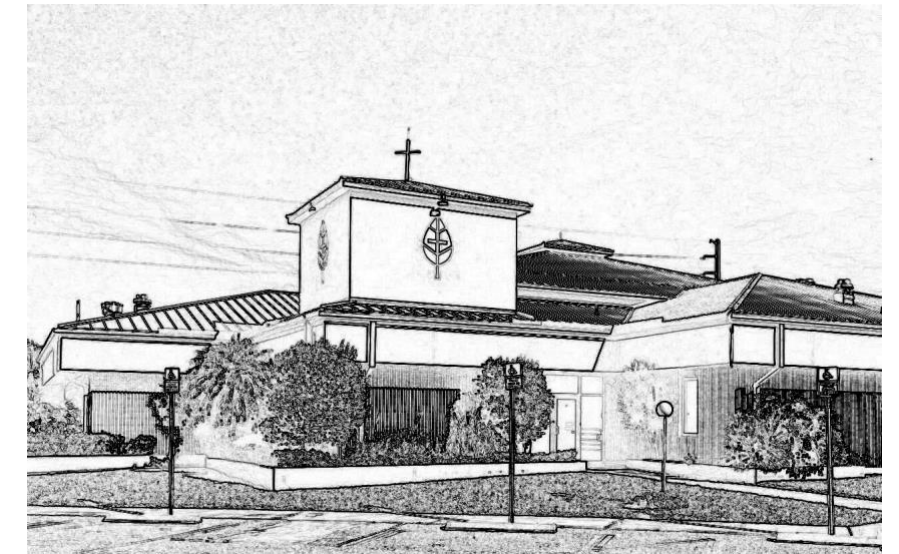
Worship Service (Also Online)

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 5:33-48

³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil. ³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. ⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



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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July 17, 2022

10:30am

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