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**WORSHIP SERVICE – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Gospel Music

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Trust* Benton Price

**CALL TO WORSHIP****PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**INTROIT** *Christ, Be Our Light!* Bernadette Farrell  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #429** *They'll Know we Are Christians*

**\*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**

**MISSION MOMENT** Antioch Partners – Guatemala – Eric Stone  
Video Presentation

**ANTHEM** *Thy Will Be Done* Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir

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

**OFFERTORY** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear Lord, here and now we bring our gifts to You and to the church. We ask You to receive our gifts for ministry and service. But more, Lord, receive our love, and with our love and Your divine love, may we keep on building Your kingdom here as it is in heaven. In our Master's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN #505** *He Touched Me*

**SCRIPTURE** Deuteronomy 18:15-19

**MESSAGE** *A Prophet* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #562** *Be Thou My Vision*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** *The Trumpet of Faith* James Southbridge

\*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 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 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, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

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**NOTES**

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**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given by Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale in celebration of Marjorie's birthday and also for Kay Berner's birthday.

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

**MARCH 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*.

**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	Year-to-Date
*Tithes & Offerings	\$20,500.57	\$59,112.08
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$22,168.10</u>	<u>\$48,541.12</u>
Net	\$ (1,667.53)	\$10,570.96

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

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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** – 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.)

**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.

**SEASON OF LENT DEVOTIONALS** – We have devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (April 2-9).

**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 Monday, April 3rd**, 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 10:00am on Saturday, April 8th.** 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 – April 2 – 10:30am Worship Service**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 6 – 7:00pm Communion Service**
- **Good Friday – April 7 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 9 – 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service**

**ACTIVITIES / EVENTS**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, March 21st at 10:00am* with Lesson 20 (James 4:13-17 “Planning with Wisdom” 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 BIBLE STUDY** – *Wednesday, March 22nd, at 10:00am.* Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for our weekly Bible study. We continue our study on John's epistles.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, April 7th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Riviera in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

**BURGERS FOR BADGES** – *Monday, April 17th, 11:00am – 1:00pm* – Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer. *If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as “B4B”.*

**SERVING IN IMMOKALEE** – *Friday, April 21st* – Join us for our next trip to Misión Peniel in Immokalee to help bag groceries to the migrant farm workers. *We will carpool from our church at 9:30am.* On our way back, we will stop for lunch at Cracker Barrel. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**PEACE GARDENS** – *Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00am* – Fellowship Team has a tour scheduled to visit Peace Gardens here in Punta Gorda. Watch for more details.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**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)

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**March 19th to March 26th**

**Sunday, March 19**

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

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Deacons Fund Sunday**  
Worship Service (Also Online)  
Fellowship Time  
Prayer Meeting - FaceBook

**Monday, March 20**

2:00pm

Session

**Tuesday, March 21**

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 22**

10:00am  
10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine  
Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

**Thursday, March 23**

10:00am  
4:30pm

Game Fellowship  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 26**

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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
Hymn Sing  
Worship Service (Also Online)  
Fellowship Time  
Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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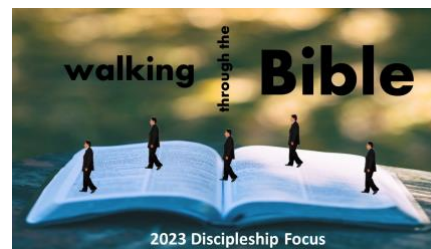
**SERMON NOTES**

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**Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.” <sup>17</sup> The Lord said to me: “What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name.



**Bible Readings**

- March 19 Deuteronomy 26:1-29:1
- March 20 Deuteronomy 29:2-31:29
- March 21 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52  
Psalm 90
- March 22 Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12  
Joshua 1:1-2:24
- March 23 Joshua 3:1-6:27
- March 24 Joshua 7:1  
1 Chronicles 2:7  
Joshua 7:2-9:27
- March 25 Joshua 10:1-12:6

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



**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 19, 2023**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**ORGANIST**  
**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
John Evans  
Sharon Albright, Bev Brady, Susie Lorenz, Billie Sixt