
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Home When God is There* John Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Wesley / Darwell
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #225** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*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 #812

ANTHEM *These Are the Things* Williams / Lantz III
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* K. Lafferty / arr. Bock
(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #512** *Jesus Is All the World to Me*

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:13-25

MESSAGE *Holiness* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #778** *Sweet By and By*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Halton / Callahan

*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 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 who Grieve

Pray for the family of Gail Evans, whose sister Linda went home to the Lord on May 4th.

Those with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

VACATION – Pastor Barksdale will be on vacation May 19-21. If a need arises, please contact one of our Elders.

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Bill and Sonja Dosse 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.

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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, May 17th, 10:00am–11:30am.** Lesson 6 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.**

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, May 18th, 10:00am** – Our study is based on the book “*Thriving in Babylon*” by Lary Osborne. These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they're attacked on every front. It's all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation? In this 5-session series, Larry Osborne introduces us to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived. Each session also includes real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society. Though Daniel lived thousands of years ago, he has much to teach us today.

All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall!

CROSSROADS HOPE ACADEMY – **Thursday, May 19th --** Anyone interested in going to Crossroads to meet students and talk with the staff about what we can do to help that ministry, please contact Patti MacDonald or sign up in the church foyer.

We will meet at the church at 10:30am.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, May 20th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Luigi's Pizzeria, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

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

May 15th to May 22nd

<u>Sunday, May 15</u>	Deacon's Fund Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Facebook)
<u>Monday, May 16</u>	
1:30pm	Session
<u>Tuesday, May 17</u>	
10:00am	Women's Bible Study
7:00pm	Patriotic Concert Rehearsal
<u>Wednesday, May 18</u>	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
<u>Thursday, May 19</u>	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
10:30am	Crossroads Hope Academy Tour
4:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, May 20</u>	
12:00pm	Ladies Lunch Bunch
<u>Sunday, May 22</u>	
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)

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SERMON NOTES

1 Peter 1:13-25

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." ¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to 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.

May 15, 2022

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Sharon Albright
USHERS	Sam Cessna, Marjorie Haun, Patti MacDonald, Patti Nuznoff