
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* John Duro

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #8** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, we confess to You and to one another that we rely more upon the things of our own invention than upon Your saving help. We have believed that our ingenuity would rescue us from all harm, and we have found it hard to let go of our pet projects. Forgive us, O God, for not having placed our faith in You. Have mercy on us for clinging so hard to our own concept of the way things should be and for failing to hear Your fresh alternatives. Turn our world upside down, O God, and teach us to trust in You above all else. *(Silent Confession)*

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Men's Quartet (Denny Ausman, Steve Mock, Dave Sifferd, Don Washabaugh)

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

OFFERTORY *All My Heart I Give* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #553** *Nearer, My God, to Thee (vs. 1-3)*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:19-34

MESSAGE *Believer's Treasure* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

COMMUNION

***HYMN #436** *Freely, Freely*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Father* James Southridge

*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 Who Grieve

Pray for Bo Pullen and family, whose mother Barbara Sizemore went home to the Lord on July 31st.

Pray for Neta Gensemer and family, whose husband Ron went home to the Lord on August 1st.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	
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 today by Laurel Aumend in memory of her father, Gene Aumend.

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@fcpunta.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 (fcpunta.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 fcpunta.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@fcpunta.org.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, August 8th at 10am**.

CROSSROADS PICKLEBALL - Tuesday, August 9th, 9:30am. 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, August 10th, 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)

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHTS – Wednesday, August 17th, 5:00pm – Come for dinner and stay for a movie -- **Facing the Giants (2006)**. Sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, August 19th, 12:00pm – Join us for lunch at Red Lobster, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – We will not meet in August. We will resume on September 6th at 10:00am 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.**

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, September 7th, 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 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.

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

August 7th to August 14th

Sunday, August 7

10:30am

6:00pm

Communion Sunday

Worship Service

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Monday, August 8

10:00am

1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Gathering

Worship Team

Tuesday, August 9

9:30am

Crossroads Pickleball at YMCA

Wednesday, August 10

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, August 11

10:00am

Game Fellowship

Sunday, August 14

10:30am

6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”



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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August 7, 2022

10:30am

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