
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hour of Worship* Roger C. Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #52** *Blessed Be the Name*

*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

ANTHEM *The Wise Kings Three* Claude Means
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *It is No Secret* Stuart Hamblen
(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #290** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

SCRIPTURE Luke 9:57-62

MESSAGE *Cost of Following Jesus* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #597** *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #237** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE *Recessional* Chester Nordman

*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 Dave Sifferd and family, whose wife Ella went home to the Lord on December 31st.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt
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

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don't see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Jene Shafer in memory of her husband Herb.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the **cost of \$37.50**. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer. You may list 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

GATHER FOR PRAYER – Resumes January 9th -- **A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online**. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

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 all the information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC. If you prefer a DVD set of videos, please see Pastor Barksdale. **There will be a brief orientation meeting in the Conference Room following the Worship Service today.**

C.L.A.S.S. 301 – DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY BEGINS JANUARY 16TH -- Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am January 16th to February 27th. God did not design ministry for just a few with seminary degrees. At FPC, we believe that every member of our church is a minister. During 301 you will learn how God can use your Spiritual Gifts, your Heart (passions), your Abilities, your Personality and your Experiences to minister to the needs of others. God gives you gifts to use to build up His Church. God also gave you passion for particular activities and subjects. Having the heart for specific things, people or circumstances is to be used to guide us into a ministry that we really care about. In C.L.A.S.S. 301, you will be shown how to assess your abilities, gifts and passions to see where in ministry you will love to serve. Facilitated by Bev Brady.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, January 10th, at 10:00am.**

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Bible Study led by Pastor Barksdale will resume on **Wednesday, January 12th, at 10:00am.** We will begin a new study called **The History of the Bible in the history of the world.** Join us this winter/spring as we explore the rise of the Kingdom of God thru the Bible in the context of world history. **All are welcome!**

DEACON'S FUND – **Next Sunday, January 16th**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, January 18th.** We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am–11:30am *at the church*. On January 18th we will complete our study of *Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season* by Melissa Spoelstra. In February we will begin a new study called **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.*

SOCIABLE SINGLES – **Friday, January 21st, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at the Riviera Bar & Grill, Punta Gorda. Please sign up in the church foyer.

CONCERT SERIES – **Sunday, January 30th, at 3:00pm** – Ann Alton and Friends will present a concert of Romanticism through the Ages – Expressive Works for Violin, Cello, and Piano. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00. Cookies and Punch will be served following the concert. Season brochures are in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2021 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

January 9th to January 16th

Sunday, January 9

10:30am Worship Service
11:30am C.L.A.S.S. 101 Meeting
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, January 10

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering
1:00pm Worship Team

Tuesday, January 11

6:30pm Bion Cantorum Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 12

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, January 13

10:00am Game Fellowship
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 16

9:15am **Deacon's Fund Sunday**
 C.L.A.S.S. 301
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

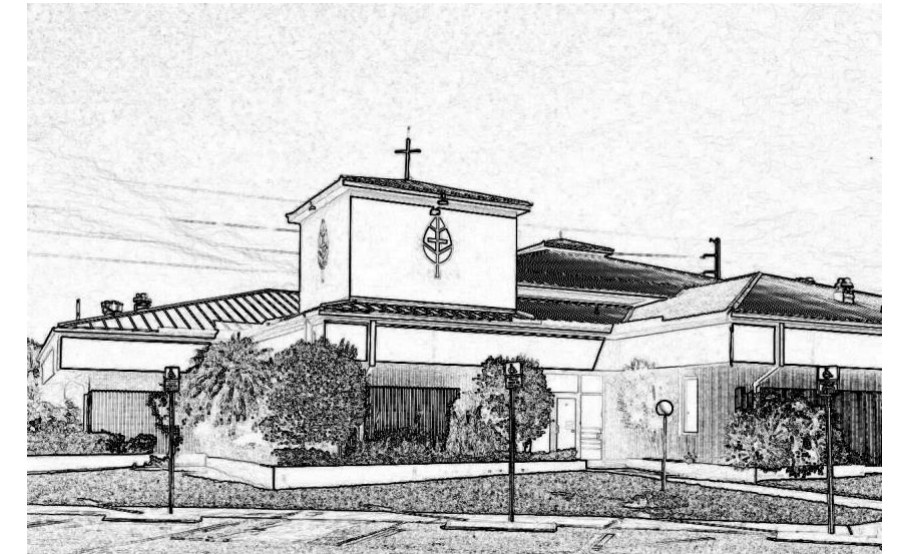
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SERMON NOTES



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.

January 9, 2022

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Bev Brady
USHERS	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Barbara McPherson, Patti Nuznoff