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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Nancy Smith

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Adagio* Ludwig van Beethoven

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116:1-2, 17-19)

Pastor: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

**All: He heard my cry for mercy.**

Pastor: Because he turned his ear to me

**All: I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: I will sacrifice a thank offering to him and call on the name of the Lord.

**All: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

Pastor: In the courts of the house of the Lord – in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**All: Praise the Lord.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**INTROIT** *Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving* Nick Vangeloff  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #790** *We Gather Together*

### \*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 Mansions of the Lord* Wallace/Glennie-Smith  
Chancel Choir

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

**OFFERTORY** *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arr. Sandra W. Jarrell

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, You give us so much love. You fill us with abundance and mercy. Your gifts to us are constant and numerous. Now we bring to You our dollars and our talents. We bring to You our love and our skills. We bring to You our devotion and our time. Take all of this and take all of us and dedicate us and our gifts to ministry and service. In the name of Jesus Christ, we offer all now. Amen.

**\*HYMN #31** *I Exalt Thee*

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 13:1-8

**MESSAGE** *Final Instructions* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #779** *I'll Fly Away*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE #425** *Bind Us Together*

**POSTLUDE** *A Patriotic Quotation* Robert J. Hughes

\*Please stand, if able

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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 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, th 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

The Memorial Service for Ron Gensemer will be on Wednesday, December 7th, at 2:00pm in our Sanctuary.

### Those with Special Needs

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

### Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

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## NOTES

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**NEW NAME TAGS** – We have had a request for new name tags with magnets instead of our current clip ones. This Sunday on the Name Tag Table there will be an example of a new Magnetic Name Tag. If you would like one of these, please write your name on the sheet. Thanks!

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given by Charles Sampsel in memory of his mother Marion H. Sampsel.

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

**NOVEMBER 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](https://www.vimeo.com/livestream).

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – Next class will be in January 2023 -- 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.

**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!

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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).

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** – A new ministry team has been formed that will be responsible for the planning and serving of the receptions that follow Memorial Services. Joan Hoffman is the Chairperson. If you are interested in helping her, please sign up in the church foyer. This is a good opportunity for someone to be involved with a simple ministry but also a much appreciated one.

**THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING** – This year we will support two ministries with our Thanksgiving offerings (through November 20th).

Jesus Loves You Ministry – “Blue Jeans Project”

St. Vincent de Paul – “Thanksgiving Meals Project”

Please use the special “Gifting Envelopes” and make checks payable to FPC.

**TOYS FOR TOTS** -- We are helping the Marine Corps Reserve celebrate their 75th Anniversary of *Toys for Tots*. Please bring an unwrapped gift, for infants up to teenagers and place in the special box. Let's bring smiles to many children this Christmas. **We will collect gifts until December 13th.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – **TODAY, following the Worship Service.** The purpose of this meeting is to elect Elders. Plan to attend.

**DEACON'S FUND** – **NEXT Sunday, November 20th**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

**PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY** - **Next Sunday, November 20th**, we will offer our 2023 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church. **Narrative Budget Booklets and Pledge Cards are in the back of the sanctuary and in the church foyer.**

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, November 14th at 10am.**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – **Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00am** with Lesson 12 (James 3:1-4 “Speaking 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** – **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.** Join us as we continue a new study getting ready for the Advent Season. We will be looking at the Old Testament prophecies regarding the coming of the Messiah - Jesus.

**WELCOME BACK DINNER** – **Wednesday, November 16th at 5:00pm** – Join us for a Chili Dinner. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – **Friday, November 18th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Hurricane Charley's in Punta Gorda. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

**MEDICARE** – Do you have any questions about your Medicare and what it will do for you next year? Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2023. Join him **Saturday, November 19th at 10:00am** in Fellowship Hall. Prepare now for 2023. (No products will be sold during this meeting, it is informational.)

**DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** – Sign up in the church foyer to help decorate our church on **Saturday, November 26th, 9:00am.**

**LUNCH 'N' LEARN** – **Thursday, November 30th, 12:00pm** – Presented by the Sheriff's Department on “Scams & Crimes Pulled on Seniors”. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**CONCERT SERIES** – **Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm** – Our next concert is *The Two Piano Group*. Come hear their mix of contemporary and traditional favorites, plus new and innovative ones. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

**BABY SHOWER FOR MISSIONARIES KATIE AND CHASEN BROKAW** – **Thursday, December 8th at 2:00pm by ZOOM** -- Due to shipping issues, we are asking for financial donations and a card instead of gifts. Katie will then be able to get the things she needs. Please sign up in the church foyer.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**HURRICANE IAN RELIEF:** For those wanting to help those in need, you may support relief agencies that are doing work here. One serving locally in Punta Gorda, Englewood, and Fort Myers is Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>).

**SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – Friday, December 9th, 11:00am – 1:00pm** – FPC has an opportunity to serve the workers in Immokalee handing out groceries. If you are interested, please sign up in the church foyer.

**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)

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**November 13th to November 20th**

**Sunday, November 13**

10:30am Worship Service  
11:25am Congregational Meeting  
11:30am Fellowship Time  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

**Monday, November 14**

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

**Tuesday, November 15**

10:00am Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 16**

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study  
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry  
5:00pm Welcome Back Dinner

**Thursday, November 17**

10:00am Game Fellowship  
4:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, November 18**

12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

**Saturday, November 19**

10:00am Medicare Seminar

**Sunday, November 20**

10:30am **Deacon’s Fund** Worship Service (Also Online)  
11:30am Fellowship Time  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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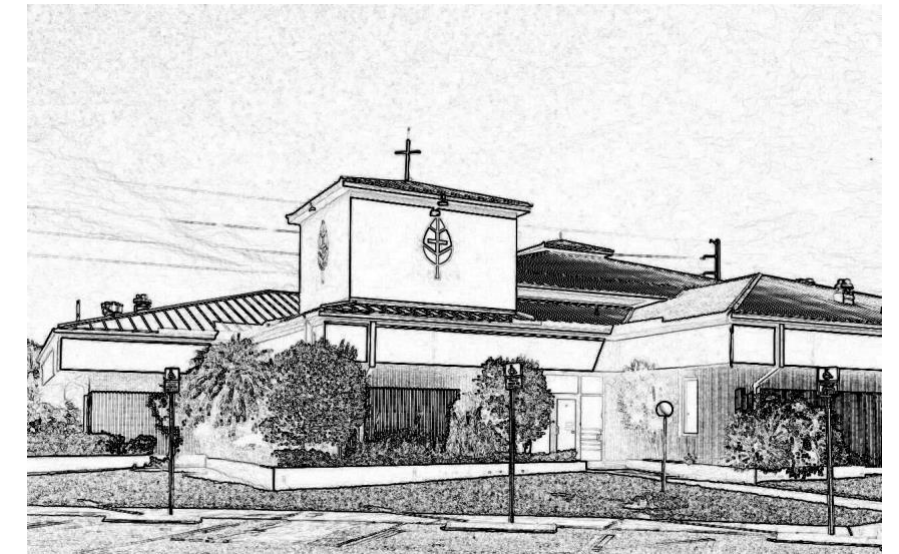
**SERMON NOTES**

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**Hebrews 13:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. <sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.



***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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**November 13, 2022**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Joan Byron

**ORGANIST**

Denny Ausman

**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**

Debbie Rostad

**LITURGIST**

Kathy Belville

**USHERS**

Sharon Albright, Jean LaMantia, Patti Nuznoff, Gail Thornton