
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In This Holy Place* Wiha Hutson

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *Make a Joyful Noise* Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #56** *To God Be the Glory*

***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**

SPECIAL MUSIC The Dunnemans

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

OFFERTORY The Dunnemans

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We honor You, O gracious God. Accept these gifts, we pray, as a sign of our obedience to You, our love for You and our desire to take Your reign into the world. Transform them into Your blessing for others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:1-25

MESSAGE *Assurance of Faith* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #690** *He Leadeth Me*

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Hugh S. Livingstone, Jr.

*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 Barb Harris and family, whose husband Rich went home to the Lord on October 6th.

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*

NOTES

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 today by Bonnie Brown to the Glory of God.

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

OCTOBER 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.

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 – **A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.** Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – **Next Sunday, October 30th at 9:30am** -- 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 sign up in the church foyer.

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.

STAND IN THE GAP FUND – The purpose of this fund is to assist supported missionaries and ministries of our church, when they face unexpected financial burdens. To donate to this fund, please mark your gift as SITG.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES – **This afternoon at 3:00pm, featuring The Dunnemans.** Reg and Gretchen Dunneman sing their own special blend of gospel music, including southern gospel, traditional, hymn, and classical Christian styles. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

MISSION'S MOMENT – **This Tuesday evening, October 25th,** join us at church at 8:00pm for a Zoom call from our missionaries Chasen and Katie Brokaw on updates to the ministry and situation in Nicaragua since returning from their sabbatical. The call will last about an hour.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE – **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.** This fall we look at the *Name Above All Names* – a study of the names of God as they describe His attributes in the Old Testament and New Testament. God's many names reveal not only different dimensions of His character but also point to their fulfillment in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. We can now see God in new lights and angles as we learn of His justice, His unbounded love, His preeminence, and His character -- all through His names. *This study is also online, simply go to our website at: <https://www.fpcpunta.org/name-above-all>.*

MURAL WALKING TOUR OF PUNTA GORDA – **Monday, October 31st** – Join us for a walking tour led by Pastor Barksdale as we walk through downtown Punta Gorda and see eleven of the murals and learn a little of the history of Punta Gorda. The walk is approximately two miles. We will gather at the church at 9:30am and finish around 11:00am at Harbor Scoops for a treat! Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer, limited to twelve people.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, November 1st at 10:00am** with Lesson 11 (James 2:18-26 “Working Out Your Faith” 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.*

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting a get-together dinner at their home on **November 2nd**. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up 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.

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

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING – This year we will support two ministries with our Thanksgiving offerings:

Jesus Loves You Ministry – “Blue Jeans Project”

St. Vincent de Paul – “Thanksgiving Meals Project”

Please use the special “Gifting Envelopes” (available next Sunday) and make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

October 23rd to October 30th

Sunday, October 23

10:15 Hymn Sing
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Fellowship Time
3:00pm Concert Series – The Dunnemans
6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Tuesday, October 25

8:00pm Missionary “Zoom” Call

Wednesday, October 26

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, October 27

10:00am Game Fellowship
4:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Peace River Radio Association

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday
9:30am Membership Class
10:15am Hymn Festival
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time
6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 10:1-25

¹ The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ² Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. ⁴ It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.’” ⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. ¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶ “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” ¹⁷ Then he adds “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” ¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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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.

October 23, 2022

10:30am

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