
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Cleansing Fountain* Edward Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Jesus, Keep Me Near* Ellen Purchase
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #3** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*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 *Blessed Be the Lord* Jeffrey Cobb
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Gentle Shepherd* William J. Gaither
(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #596** *I Surrender All*

SCRIPTURE Luke 20:45-21:4

MESSAGE *Giving* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #672** *What a Mighty God We Serve*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *Shalom to You*

POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Lani Smith

*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

The Memorial Service for Ella Sifferd will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at 11:00am at the Sifferd's home.

Pray for the family of Larry Pritchard, who went home to the Lord on March 1st. *Donations can be made in Larry's name to Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation.*

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

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Palm Sunday – April 10 – 10:30am Worship Service**
- **Passover Seder Meal – April 13 – 5:00pm**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 14 – 7:00pm Communion Service**
- **Good Friday – April 15 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 17 – 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SANCTUARY CROSS – The Colors of the Cross are a symbolic depiction of the Easter season. For the beginning of the Lenten Season the cross is draped in purple. The purple cloth remains on the cross from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday representing royalty – the King of kings has come. The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday through Saturday – representing His death. The white cloth is placed on the cross Easter Sunday representing His resurrection – His victory over sin, death and Satan.

SEASON OF LENT DEVOTIONALS – We have three devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (April 10 –17).

EASTER LILIES – We will be decorating the church with lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate one in remembrance or honor of a loved one, please use the offering envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$7 for each lily. **Please have your envelope back by Monday, April 11th**, in time for the bulletin insert.

LIVING CROSS – We are requesting flowers and greenery for the “living cross” for Easter morning. **Please bring both the flowers and greenery at 10:00am on Saturday, April 16th.** Sign up in the church foyer to help with the “living cross”.

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.

C.L.A.S.S. 201 – DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY – Sundays through April 3rd from 9:15-10:15am – We will focus on four basic habits that every Christian needs to develop in order to grow to spiritual maturity. This class will equip you with the skills you need to begin these habits and will explain the tools you will need to continue them. Facilitated by John Evans. Sign up in the church foyer.

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

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

BADGES AND BURGERS – *Monday, March 28th from 11:00am to 1:00pm* – Come out and help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill hamburgers and hotdogs. Come out and have lunch with us out by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, March 30th at 10:00am* – Pastor Barksdale Pullen continues a study of *The History of the Bible in the history of the world*. Join us as we explore the rise of the Kingdom of God thru the Bible in the context of world history. **All are welcome!**

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, April 1st, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at the Olympia Restaurant in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

PUNTA GORDA MURAL WALK *Monday, April 4th* – Join 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 and we will **gather at the church at 9:30am on Monday, April 4th**. We will finish around 11:30am 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, April 5th, 10:00am–11:30am*. Lessons 3 and 4 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.**

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL – *Wednesday, April 13th, 5:00pm* -- Come celebrate a traditional Passover Meal that Jesus would have shared with His disciples and learn how Jesus' death and resurrection are symbolized in the elements of the Seder Meal. Please sign up in the church foyer.

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”)

Backpack Ministry (Easter Project) – Please consider a financial donation to support this special project (mark as “backpacks”).

CROSSROADS HOPE ACADEMY – Anyone interested in going to Crossroads Academy to meet students and talk with the staff about what we can do to help that ministry, please contact Patti MacDonald.

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)

SERMON NOTES

Luke 20:45-21:4 (ESV)

⁴⁵ And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁷ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”



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.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

March 27th to April 3rd

Sunday, March 27

9:15am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday School

10:15am

Hymn Sing

10:30am

Worship Service

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, March 28

11:00am

Badges and Burgers

Wednesday, March 30

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, March 31

10:00am

Game Fellowship

4:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm

Peace River Radio Association

Friday, April 1

12:00pm

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

9:15am

Sunday School

10:30am

Worship Service (Also Online)

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting (Online)

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March 27, 2022

10:30am

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