
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Gospel Piano Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Morning Bells* Lani Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Revelation 15)

Pastor: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #65** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

*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 Spirit of Jesus is in This Place* W.J. & G. Gaither

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

OFFERTORY *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Paul Mickelson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to You, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #489** *Pass Me Not*

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:1-4

MESSAGE *Introduction to Hebrews: His Son* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #572** *Blessed Assurance*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *March from Rinaldo* G. F. Handel

*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 the family of Dr. Hal Freeburn, former member, who went home to the Lord. Details will follow.

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

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 DeAnn and Ernie Lehman in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

LIBRARY IS OPEN – Stop by the expanded library and see the new titles and resources available to help in your Christian walk. (The puzzles are also there. 😊)

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

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.

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

HURRICANE SEASON – We are in the heart of hurricane season and wanted to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, join us online. We have a text messaging system to notify members if Services/Events are canceled. If you are a regular attendee and wish to be included on the text message, please note that on the Fellowship Pad.

A/V TEAM – Anyone interested in being part of the A/V Team on Sunday mornings, please see Jim or George in the A/V booth on Sunday. Great ministry to folks watching from home!

GREETER TEAM – Looking for a few individuals to rotate monthly in the foyer as Greeters. If interested, see Barksdale or Bev Brady.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES for 2022-2023 is set. Flyer is available in the church foyer or on our website www.fpcpunta.org under Ministries / Concert Series.

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>.*

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS –Thursdays at 4:30pm. Rehearsals last about one hour. If you love to sing, please join us for rehearsals on Thursdays and church services on Sunday mornings. The choir begins singing anthems on October 2nd. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 more information.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, September 16th, 12:00pm – Join us for lunch at Riviera Bar & Grill in Punta Gorda. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

BURGERS FOR BADGES – Monday, September 19th, 11:00am – 1:00pm – Help us show our appreciation to our Fire and Sheriff Departments as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer. *If you would like to help underwrite this event, simply place a check in the offering plate and write "Burgers" in the memo line.*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00am with Lesson 9 (James 2:5-13, Dealing with favoritism, Part 2) 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, October 5th, 5:00pm – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners at their home on *October 5th and 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.

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, October 15th at 10:00am* in the Fellowship Hall. Now is the best time to prepare for 2023. (No products will be sold during this meeting, it is informational.)

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

September 11th to September 18th

Sunday, September 11

10:30am Worship Service
6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Monday, September 12

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, September 13

10:00am Missions Team

Wednesday, September 14

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, September 18

10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.



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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September 11, 2022

10:30am

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ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Don Washabaugh
USHERS	Sharon Albright, Marjorie Haun, Jean LaMantia, Patti Nuznoff