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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Blended Christian Music

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Jesus Loves Me* David Paxton

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**INTROIT** *We Are One in the Lord* Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #391** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### \*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

**ANTHEM** *Go Out and Serve Him!* Nancy Price/Don Besig  
Chancel Choir

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

**OFFERTORY** *Let The Savior In* E. O. Excell

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**\*HYMN #553** *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:14-41

**MESSAGE** *Peter's Sermon* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #93** *God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** *Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace* George Whelpton  
Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE** *Festival* Benton Price

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth  
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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, Eric Stone family, and Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Peru, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.
- 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 persecuted Christians throughout the world.

### Those who Grieve

Pray for Rex Anderson and family, whose wife Helen went home to the Lord on December 25th.

Pray for Georgia and the family of former member Joe Cherny, who went home to the Lord on December 23rd.

### Those with Special Needs

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

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

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

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## NOTES

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**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given today by Gail Thornton in memory of her brother Max Herwig.

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

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

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES** – 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 **YouTube**.

**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!

### Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,298.18	\$268,516.37
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,329.81</u>	<u>\$274,867.64</u>
Net	(\$4,031.63)	(\$6,351.27)

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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).

**DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY** – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don't see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – *Next Sunday, January 28th at 9:30am*. If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please join us for a one class introduction to FPC. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

**CONGREGATIONAL / CORPORATION MEETING** – *Sunday, February 4th, following the Worship Service*. Please plan to attend. Annual reports will be available next Sunday.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** – Singers are needed to balance out our church choir. Rehearsals are one hour long on Thursday and before services on Sunday. We sing from October through May. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 or see her after services on Sunday. ***Come and join us in the pleasures of singing praises to God.***

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES** – *This afternoon at 3:00pm, featuring Cahal Dunne, "Ireland's Piano Man"*. ***This concert is sold out.***

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – *Wednesday, January 24th at 10:00am*. The book of Daniel is a favorite for Sunday school teachers and students alike. And for good reason. It has all the makings of a great story—memorable characters, cliff-hanger drama, and science fiction—like visions. Yet therein lies a potential danger. Because the human actors and events are so fascinating, we are tempted when studying this book to fix our gaze on the human plane. But when this happens, we can inadvertently lose sight of the fact that this book is ultimately not about Daniel or his three friends, but about God and his victory in the world. Sure, the book of Daniel tells Daniel's story—and a fascinating and instructive story it is. But the main purpose of Daniel is to reveal to us who God is—his character, his purposes, his way of working in the world for the good of his people. The main lesson of Daniel, then, is not, as is often assumed (and taught!), *Dare to be a Daniel!* Rather, the main point is this: *Dare to trust in Daniel's God! All are welcome!*

**MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, January 26th* – we will be helping at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:15pm. We will return about 8-9pm. *We need 12 people to go*, so please sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, February 2nd, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Kings Roadhouse, Port Charlotte. ***All ladies are invited!***

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00am* – ***"Informing the King"*** – *Esther 2:19-23*. Join us for our study of "Esther", based on *"Becoming a Woman of Beauty & Strength"* by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. ***All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.***

**SAVE THE DATE** – *Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00pm*. Pot Luck Dinner followed by the Hallmark movie "Love, Romance and Chocolate".

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – *Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00pm*. Barksdale and Bo host get-together dinners at their home. This will be in groups of eight. 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.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT** – A reminder that our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO’s go-to resource for long-term disaster relief.

<https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services>

**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.

**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)

**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.

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**January 21st to January 28th**

**Sunday, January 21**

10:30am

11:30am

3:00pm

6:00pm

**Deacon’s Fund Sunday**

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Concert Series – Cahal Dunne

Prayer Meeting-FB

**Wednesday, January 24**

10:00am

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

**Thursday, January 25**

10:00am

3:30pm

Game Fellowship

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, January 28**

9:30am

10:15am

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Membership Class

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting-FB

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**Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday**

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**Acts 2:14-41**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

““I saw the Lord always before me,

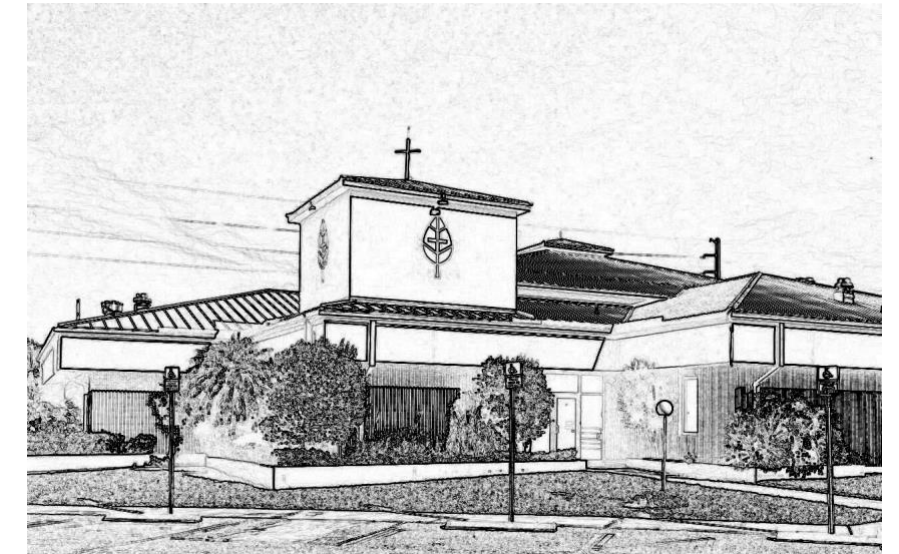
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ““The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”” <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



***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 21, 2024**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
**ORGANIST**  
**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
Sam Cessna

Judy Cornell, Marjorie Haun, Susie Lorenz, Billie Sixt