
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Gospel Christmas Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The First Noel* arr. Matt Hyzer

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Love the Lord, Your God*)

Pastor: If My people who are called by My name

All: *Will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Pastor: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

All: *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

Pastor: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men as free, yet not using your liberty as a cloak for vice, but as servants of God.

Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

All: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #271** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*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.

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

OFFERTORY *There's a Song in the Air* arr. Matt Hyzer

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for You. Multiply them and use them to build Your church in this community. May they extend Your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of Your people. In His name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #272** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs. 1,2,4,5)*

SCRIPTURE II Timothy 2:16-17

MESSAGE *God's Story* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #267** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS Kathy Belville, Elder

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #243** Emmanuel

POSTLUDE *Angel's Medley* arr. Matt Hyzer

*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 those who are recovering from Hurricane Ian.
- 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 with Special Needs

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

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.

JANUARY 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**.

PLEDGE CARD – If you haven't returned your pledge card for 2023, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or in the church foyer. Thank you.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don't see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

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 class will be January 29, 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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *This Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:00am* with Lesson 15 (James 3:13-18 "Defining True 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 BIBLE STUDY – Join us *this Wednesday, January 4th, at 10:00am*, as we begin a study of the Book of Job. The Book of Job presents us with several tough questions about life. We look forward to some good discussion around God's Word, and we trust that at the end of our study we can say with Job, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *This Wednesday, January 4th at 5:00pm*. Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners this winter at their home. 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. We will also meet on Wednesday, February 1st.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, January 6th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at River City Grill, Punta Gorda. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

HELP TAKE THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWN – Join us *on Saturday, January 7th, at 9:00am* to help take down and store our decorations. *Many hands make light work!* Sign up in the church foyer. *Thank you!*

EPIPHANY STARS – *NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH* -- As the old year turns to a new one, we will be offering stars after the service with a word to guide us throughout the year as we remember the star that guided the Magi to Jesus.

CONCERT SERIES – Our next concert will be *Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 3:00pm*. Ann Alton, cellist, returns with her very talented 15-year-old cello student, Matrick Thorpe. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – *Thursday, January 26th, 12:00pm* – Presented by the Sheriff's Department on "Scams & Crimes Pulled on Seniors". Sub sandwiches will be served. There will be a \$5.00/person donation. Please sign up in the church foyer.

SAVE THE DATE – *Monday, January 30th* – We are planning to "Deep Clean" the Kitchen, so please consider helping us out! You may sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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

January 1st to January 8th

Sunday, January 1

10:30am

11:30am

New Year’s Day

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Monday, January 2

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, January 4

10:00am

10:00am

5:00pm

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Pullen Up a Chair Dinner

Thursday, January 5

10:00am

4:30pm

Game Fellowship

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6

12:00pm

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Saturday, January 7

9:00am

Take Down Christmas Decorations

Sunday, January 8

10:30am

11:30am

6:00am

Epiphany Stars

Worship Service (Also Online)

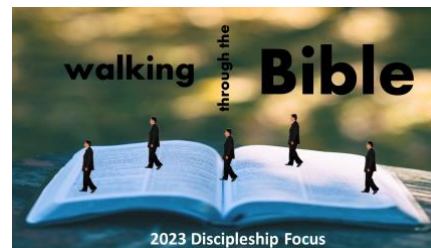
Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting - FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

II Timothy 2:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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| January 1 | Genesis 1:1-3:24 |
| January 2 | Genesis 4:1-5:32
1 Chronicles 1:1-4
Genesis 6:1-22 |
| January 3 | Genesis 7:1-10:5
1 Chronicles 1:5-7
Genesis 10:6-20
1 Chronicles 1:8-16
Genesis 10:21-30
1 Chronicles 1:17-23
Genesis 10:31-32 |
| January 4 | Genesis 11:1-26
1 Chronicles 1:24-27
Genesis 11:27-11:31
Genesis 12:1-14:24 |
| January 5 | Genesis 15:1-17:27 |
| January 6 | Genesis 18:1-21:7 |
| January 7 | Genesis 21:8-23:20
Genesis 11:32
Genesis 24:1-67 |

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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.

January 1, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Joan Byron

ORGANIST

Denny Ausman

OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN

Debbie Rostad

LITURGIST

Don Washabaugh

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