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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Nancy Smith

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Think On Me* Lady John Scott, arr. Wilson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

**\*HYMN #291** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

### \*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** *Canticle of Worship* A. Bayly / E. Wetherill  
Chancel Choir

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

**OFFERTORY** *O Lovely Peace* G. F. Handel

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy One, like Abraham and Sarah, we have heard Your call. We respond with fledgling faith, offering what we have as we step into the unknown future with You. Bless and multiply these gifts of faith, we pray, to accomplish more than we dare think or ask. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

**SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 5:21-33

**MESSAGE** *A Dirty Word* Pastor Steve Mock

**\*HYMN #669** *Make Me a Servant (repeat)*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE #426** Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1

**POSTLUDE** *One Fellowship of Love* John Johnson

\*Please stand, if able

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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 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*

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## NOTES

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**GUEST PREACHER** – Welcome to Pastor Steve Mock.

**VACATION** – Pastor Pullen will be on vacation through January 21st. If a need arises, please contact Gail Thornton.

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

**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](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 *vimeo livestream*.

**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!

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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).

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – Next class will be January 29, 2023 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 join us. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**CONCERT SERIES – THIS AFTERNOON 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. Please plan to attend.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *This Tuesday, January 17th at 10:00am* with Lesson 16 (James 4:1-3 “Looking at Your Heart” 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** – *We will not meet on January 18th.* We will resume on *Wednesday, January 25th, at 10:00am*, with our 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.”

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *This Friday, January 20th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at Cracker Barrel, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

**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.

**HELP CLEAN OUR KITCHEN** – *Monday, January 30th at 9:00am* – We will “Deep Clean” the Kitchen, and do some extra cleaning in the building. Please help us out! Sign up in the church foyer.

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – *Wednesdays, February 1st and March 1st 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.

**VALENTINES DINNER** – *Tuesday, February 14th at 5:00pm* – Join us to celebrate Valentine's Day with a Potluck Dinner and Movie.

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## MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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### 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)

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## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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### January 15th to January 22nd

#### Sunday, January 15

- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 3:00pm Concert Series – Two Cellists
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting - FaceBook

#### Tuesday, January 17

- 10:00am Women’s Bible Study

#### Wednesday, January 18

- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

#### Thursday, January 19

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

#### Friday, January 20

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

#### Sunday, January 22

- 10:30am Deacon’s Fund Sunday  
Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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## SERMON NOTES

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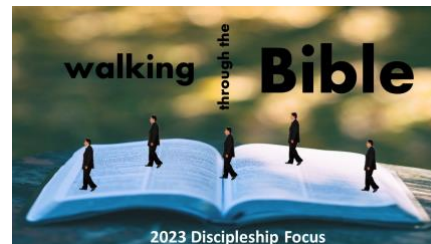
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### Ephesians 5:21-33

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.



January 15	Genesis 40:1-23 Genesis 35:28-29 Genesis 41:1-57
January 16	Genesis 42:1-45:15
January 17	Genesis 45:16-47:27
January 18	Genesis 47:28-50:26
January 19	Job 1:1-4:21
January 20	Job 5:1-7:21
January 21	Job 8:1-11:20

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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.*

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January 15, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
ORGANIST  
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN  
LITURGIST  
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
Dave Sifferd

Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Sam Cessna, Patti MacDonald