
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Christian Gospel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* David Schack

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INTROIT *To God Be the Glory* Wm. Doane/Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #101** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Voluntary* Benjamin Carr

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Father, these gifts we bring are our expression of our thanks for who You are and what You mean to us. As we present them to You, we also commit ourselves to love and serve You with grateful hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***HYMN #564** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

SCRIPTURE Acts 3:1-26

MESSAGE *Lame Beggar* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #21** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *Peace, God's Wonderful Peace* William M. Runyan
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Rock of Ages* John M. Rasley

*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, 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 Bo and Barksdale and family. Bo's father, Billy George Sizemore, went home to the Lord on January 17th.

Pray for Denny Ausman and family. Denny has lost two of his brothers since December.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner
Lynn Lang Ron Sixt
Barb Harris Dave Sifferd

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown - *Life Care, Punta Gorda*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Marguerite O'Brien in loving memory of John J. O'Brien.

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

FEBRUARY 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@fcpunta.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 (fcpunta.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>January 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$24,546.16	\$24,546.16
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$25,270.68</u>	<u>\$25,270.68</u>
Net	(\$724.52)	(\$724.52)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.***

DEACON'S FUND – **NEXT Sunday, February 18th**, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

SEASON OF LENT DEVOTIONALS – We have devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (**March 24 – March 30**).

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE – **TODAY, following the Worship Service**. This is a short service of remembrance for those who passed away in 2023 from our church family and in memory of other loved ones. We will begin in the Sanctuary and move to the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **tomorrow, Monday, February 12th at 10am**.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, February 14th 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!*

VALENTINE'S DAY – **Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00pm**. Potluck Dinner followed by the Hallmark movie "Love, Romance and Chocolate". Sign up now.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, February 16th, 12:00pm** – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Luigi's Restaurant, Port Charlotte. **All ladies are invited!**

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES – **Sunday, February 18th, 3:00pm** – **The Goldtones**. Tickets are available in the church office or call 941-625-4945.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, February 20th at 10:00am** – "**Chasing the 'Little Foxes'**" – **Esther 3:1-6**. 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.**

CHURCH WORK DAY - Join us **Thursday, February 22nd from 9:00 - 11:00am** for various projects around the church: Garage Clean Out, shrubbery trimming, parking lot striping, etc. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, February 23rd** – we will help 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.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00pm**. Barksdale and Bo host get-together dinners at their home for 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.

SAVE THE DATE – **Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00pm** – St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

February 11th to February 18th

Sunday, February 11

10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Valentine Memorial Service
11:30am Fellowship Time
6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, February 12

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering
1:00pm Worship Team

Tuesday, February 13

10:00am Mission Team

Wednesday, February 14

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
5:00pm Valentine Potluck and Movie

Thursday, February 15

10:00am Game Fellowship
3:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 16

10:00am Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent Deacon’s Fund Sunday

10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time
3:00pm Concert Series – The Goldtones
6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Acts 3:1-26

¹ Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³ Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴ And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. ¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. ²² Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ ²⁶ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”



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.

February 11, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
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USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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