
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPLANATION OF PRAYER SERVICE

PRELUDE *Moment of Prayer*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 107)*

Pastor: O let us give thanks to the Lord,

All: For the love of God will never end.

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

All: whom he has redeemed from trouble.

Pastor: Let we who love God be unashamed to declare it,

All: Because God has answered our cries for help.

Pastor: The Lord our God has met our every need,

All: We will therefore proclaim the love of the Lord!

Pastor: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,

All: and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

INTROIT *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Wesley / Darwell Chancel Choir

*HYMN #575 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF ADORATION

*GLORIA PATRI #812

PRAYERS FOR GOVERNMENT, MILITARY

*HYMN #640 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

PRAYERS FOR MEDIA, BUSINESS, EDUCATION

OFFERTORY *O How He Loves You and Me* arr. Fred Bock *(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)*

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYERS FOR WORLD, CHURCH, FAMILY

ANTHEM *We Are One with You, O Lord* Jay Althouse Chancel Choir

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Calls Us*

COMMUNION

*HYMN #630 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #419 *The Family of God*

POSTLUDE *Day of Gladness* Brian Glyncannon

*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 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

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – “Happy 7th Anniversary Fallenbecks and McPhersons!”

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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, May 3rd, 10:00am–11:30am.** Lesson 5 of **Growing in Wisdom & Faith, a study of James** by Elizabeth George from her “A Woman After God’s Own Heart” series. Call Kathy at 508-733-0546 for more information. **All women are invited to join us for study, fellowship and refreshments.**

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, May 4th, 10:00am**— **NEW STUDY** – based on book “*Thriving in Babylon*” by Lary Osborne. These are confusing times for many Christians. Traditional biblical values are not only rejected; it seems as if they’re attacked on every front. It’s all happened at warp speed, leaving many of us spiritually and culturally disoriented or even fearful, frustrated, and angry. How can we spiritually survive in an increasingly spiritually hostile environment? And is there any hope for the next generation? In this 5-session series, Larry Osborne introduces us to a man forced to live in a fast-changing and godless society. This man faced fears about the future, concern for his safety, and the discouragement of a world that seemed to be falling apart at warp speed. That man was Daniel, and with the power of hope, humility, and wisdom, he not only survived, but thrived. Each session also includes real-life stories of people struggling to thrive in an ever-increasing godless society. Though Daniel lived thousands of years ago, he has much to teach us today.

All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall!

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

CROSSROADS HOPE ACADEMY – **Thursday, May 19th** -- Anyone interested in going to Crossroads to meet students and talk with the staff about what we can do to help that ministry, please contact Patti MacDonald or sign up in the church foyer.

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

May 1st to May 8th

Sunday, May 1 **Communion Sunday**
10:30am Worship Service
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Facebook)

Tuesday, May 3
10:00am Women's Bible Study
1:30pm Fellowship Team

Wednesday, May 4
10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, May 5 **National Day of Prayer**
10:00am Game Fellowship
4:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 6
12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, May 8th **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)



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SERMON NOTES



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.

May 1, 2022

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
USHERS	Bev Brady, Kay Callahan, Marj Haun, Patti Nuznoff