
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Classical Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

***HYMN #65** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord (vs. 1,3,4,5)*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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 *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* A. Pace/R. Boyce/T. Fette
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Gentle, Holy Savior* Gounod, arr. Broughton

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to You, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #63** *All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1,3,5)*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1

MESSAGE *Beginning* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN *A Communion Hymn for Christmas*

COMMUNION

***HYMN #436** *Freely, Freely*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Blessed Art Thou* Esther S. Higgins

*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

VACATION – Pastor Pullen will be on vacation January 11th – 21st. If a need arises, please contact Gail Thornton.

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

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*.

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

EPIPHANY STARS – TODAY -- 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.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – Join us *Wednesday, January 11th, 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."

CONCERT SERIES – *Next 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *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.*

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *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.

SAVE THE DATE – *Monday, January 30th at 9:00am* – We will "Deep Clean" the Kitchen, so please consider helping 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.

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.

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 8th to January 15th

Sunday, January 8

10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Communion Sunday / Epiphany Stars

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting - FaceBook

Monday, January 9

10:00am
1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Gathering
Worship Team

Tuesday, January 10

10:00am
1:30pm

Mission Team
Fellowship Team

Wednesday, January 11

10:00am
10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, January 12

10:00am
4:30pm

Game Fellowship
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 15

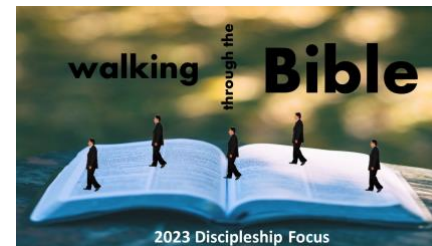
10:30am
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3:00pm
6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Concert Series – Two Cellists
Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.



- January 8 Genesis 25:1-4
1 Chronicles 1:32-33
Genesis 25:5-6
Genesis 25:12-18
1 Chronicles 1:28-31
1 Chronicles 1:34
Genesis 25:19-26
Genesis 25:7-11
- January 9 Genesis 25:27-28:5
- January 10 Genesis 28:6-30:24
- January 11 Genesis 30:25-31:55
- January 12 Genesis 32:1-35:27
- January 13 Genesis 36:1-19
1 Chronicles 1:35-37
Genesis 36:20-30
1 Chronicles 1:38-42
Genesis 36:31-43
1 Chronicles 1:43-2:2
- January 14 Genesis 37:1-38:30
1 Chronicles 2:3-6
1 Chronicles 2:8
Genesis 39:1-23

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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 8, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Joan Byron
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Bev Brady

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