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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Sue Mesler

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* Melchior Vulpius

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**INTROIT** *Jesus, Keep Me Near* Ellen Purchase  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #45** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, we confess that in the heat of the moment, we allow our tempers, our impatience and our selfishness to overcome the heart of goodness and compassion You have created within us. We respond in ways that hurt one another and do not honor You. We confess that though we long to have the mind of Christ and to respond in all situations as He has modeled for us, we sometimes fail. We are short-sighted, forgetful and fearful. We ask for Your forgiveness, Lord. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and the love of all humankind. (*Silent Confession*)

### \*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** *Remember, Remember Me* Jack Schrader  
Chancel Choir

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *When Peace Like a River* Philip Bliss, arr. Jay Althouse  
Sue Mesler, Flute

*(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #504** *Without Him*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 17:20-37

**MESSAGE** *Kingdom* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN #597** *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE** *Shalom to You*

**POSTLUDE** *Psalms 19* Benedetto Marcello

\*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 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 Misi3n 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.

### *Prayer Focus*

Pray for the family of John Evans, whose brother Darrell went home to the Lord on February 19th.

Pray for the family of Larry Pritchard, who went home to the Lord on March 1st.

### *Those with Special Needs*

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

### *Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes*

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

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## NOTES

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

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

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – Available in the church office.

**FLOWERS** – The flowers today are given by Nancy and Andy Smith in memory of their parents.

**ROSE** – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Noah Scott Hebl, first great-grandchild of DeAnn and Ernie Lehman. Noah was born February 26th to Hailey and Chris of North Liberty, IA.

**FLOWERS** – May be sponsored for the **cost of \$37.50**. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer. You may list 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*.

**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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**SANCTUARY CROSS** – The Colors of the Cross are a symbolic depiction of the Easter season. For the beginning of the Lenten Season the cross is draped in purple. The purple cloth remains on the cross from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday representing royalty – the King of kings has come. The black cloth remains on the cross from Good Friday through Saturday – representing His death. The white cloth is placed on the cross Easter Sunday representing His resurrection – His victory over sin, death and Satan.

**SEASON OF LENT DEVOTIONALS** – We have three devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (April 10 –17). If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

**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).

**C.L.A.S.S. 101 – DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?** – Simply go to our website at [fpcpunta.org](http://fpcpunta.org) and look under the *Home* tab. There you will find all the information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC. If you prefer a DVD set of videos, please see Pastor Barksdale.

**C.L.A.S.S. 201 – DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY – Sundays, March 6th through 27th from 9:15-10:15am** – We will focus on four basic habits that every Christian needs to develop in order to grow to spiritual maturity. This class will equip you with the skills you need to begin these habits and will explain the tools you will need to continue them. Facilitated by John Evans. Sign up in the church foyer.

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, March 9th at 10:00am** – Pastor Barksdale Pullen continues a study of *The History of the Bible in the history of the world*. Join us as we explore the rise of the Kingdom of God thru the Bible in the context of world history. *All are welcome!*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, March 15th (Lessons 2 & 3)**. We meet from 10:00am–11:30am *at the church*. We are using *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.*

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** – Please join us on **Wednesday, March 16th at 5:00pm** for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner in Fellowship Hall, featuring corned beef and cabbage by Chef Bonnie Brown. The Fellowship Team will provide "green" desserts. Suggested donation is \$7.00. Sign up now in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, March 18th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Los Mariachi's Mexican, Punta Gorda. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

**CONCERT SERIES – Sunday, March 20th at 3:00pm – TWO PIANOS** – Judy Kaff and Al Rozier will present selections from Classical to Current musical styles. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00. Cookies and Punch will be served following the concert.

**BADGES AND BURGERS – Monday, March 28th from 11:00am to 1:00pm** – Come out and help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill hamburgers and hotdogs. Come out and have lunch with us out by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer.

**SHOWER MINISTRY NEEDS** – We have an ongoing project to collect items for Jesus Loves You Ministry's Shower Ministry which is held in our parking lot on Wednesday mornings. You may donate small travel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, soap, toothpaste, dental floss, shaving gel, razors, shaving cream, lip balm, combs, or a cash donation. Donation box is 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)

Misi3n Peniel (Immokalee)

Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

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*EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK*

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*March 6th to March 13th*

**Sunday, March 6**

**First Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday**

9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

**Tuesday, March 8**

10:00am Mission Team

**Wednesday, March 9**

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

**Thursday, March 10**

10:00am Game Fellowship  
4:30pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal (New Time!)**

**Sunday, March 13**

**Second Sunday in Lent  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

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*SERMON NOTES*

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**Luke 17:20-37 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed,<sup>21</sup> nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”<sup>22</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.<sup>23</sup> People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them.<sup>24</sup> For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.<sup>25</sup> But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.<sup>26</sup> “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.<sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.<sup>28</sup> “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.<sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.<sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.<sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.<sup>32</sup> Remember Lot’s wife!<sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.<sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.<sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”<sup>36</sup> <sup>37</sup> “Where, Lord?” they asked. He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”



***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.*

**March 6, 2022**

**10:30am**

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**PASTOR**  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR**  
**ORGANIST**  
**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
Don Washabaugh  
Kay Callahan, Marjorie Haun, Suzie Lorenz, Patti Nuznoff