
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Love Was When

Donald Wyrzten

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 9)

Pastor: I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart;

People: I will tell of all Your wonders.

Pastor: I will be glad and rejoice in You;

People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Pastor: The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment.

People: He will judge the world in righteousness;

He will govern the peoples with justice.

Pastor: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble.

People: Those who know Your name will trust in You,

For You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; Proclaim among the

nations what He has done. Sing praise to the Lord.

People: We sing praise to the Lord.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT

Make a Joyful Noise

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

*HYMN #403

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*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

It Is Good To Sing Thy Praises

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY

Pastorale

Wiha Hutson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, who has given to us so many gifts, Your generosity is sometimes even more than we can comprehend. We praise You for all Your loving gifts. Now we bring to You our gifts and our lives, dedicating them to You for service and ministry. May all that we do show to the world Your great love for all humankind. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #314

What Wondrous Love Is This

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 7

MESSAGE

Christ the Better Covenant

Pastor Barksdale Pullen

*HYMN #428

In Christ There Is No East or West

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #426

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 3)

POSTLUDE

Raise Now Your Song on High

Camille Saint-Saens

*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 Who Grieve

Pray for Barb Harris and family, whose husband Rich went home to the Lord on October 6th.

Those with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

NEW NAME TAGS – We have had a request for new name tags with magnets instead of our current clip ones. This Sunday on the Name Tag Table there will be an example of a new Magnetic Name Tag. If you would like one of these, please write your name on the sheet. Thanks!

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Phyllis Ehrhardt in memory of Helmut.

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

OCTOBER 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](https://www.vimeo.com/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

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

GREETER TEAM – Looking for a few individuals to rotate monthly in the foyer as Greeters. If interested, see Barksdale or Bev Brady.

CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING – **TODAY, following the Worship Service.** The purpose of this meeting is to inform the church of the different activities - fellowship, service, and discipleship - for the fall season. The meeting is for members and regular attenders and will last about 30 minutes.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports efforts to help congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – **Sunday, October 30th 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 sign up in the church foyer.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – A new ministry team has been formed that will be responsible for the planning and serving of the receptions that follow Memorial Services. Joan Hoffman is the Chairperson. If you are interested in helping her, please sign up in the church foyer. This is a good opportunity for someone to be involved with a simple ministry but also a much appreciated one.

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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

CROSSROADS BBQ – **POSTPONED** – We will reschedule our Barbecue lunch with the boys from Crossroads Hope Academy at our church's barbecue pit.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00am** with Lesson 10 (James 2:14-17 "Showing Forth Your Faith") 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 – **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.** This fall we look at the *Name Above All Names* – a study of the names of God as they describe His attributes in the Old Testament and New Testament. God's many names reveal not only different dimensions of His character but also point to their fulfillment in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. We can now see God in new lights and angles as we learn of His justice, His unbounded love, His preeminence, and His character -- all through His names. *This study is also online, simply go to our website at: <https://www.fpcpunta.org/name-above-all>.*

LUNCH 'N LEARN – **This Thursday, October 20th, 12:00pm** – Timothy from Taylor Funeral Home will give a presentation on *Final Arrangements*. Please sign up.

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES for 2022-2023 is set. The season brochure is available in the church foyer or on our website www.fpcpunta.org under Ministries / Concert Series. **The first concert is NEXT Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00pm, featuring The Dunnemans.** Reg and Gretchen Dunneman sing their own special blend of gospel music, including southern gospel, traditional, hymn, and classical Christian styles. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

MURAL WALKING TOUR OF PUNTA GORDA – **Monday, October 31st** – Join us for a walking tour led by Pastor Barksdale as we walk through downtown Punta Gorda and see eleven of the murals and learn a little of the history of Punta Gorda. The walk is approximately two miles. We will gather at the church at 9:30am and finish around 11:00am at Harbor Scoops for a treat! Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer, limited to twelve people.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting a get-together dinner at their home on **November 2nd**. 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

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF: For those wanting to help those in need, you may support relief agencies that are doing work here. One serving locally in Punta Gorda, Englewood, and Fort Myers is Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>).

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – Friday, December 9th, 11:00am – 1:00pm – FPC has an opportunity to serve the workers in Immokalee handing out groceries. If you are interested, please sign up in the church foyer.

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

October 16th to October 23rd

Sunday, October 16

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Deacon's Fund Sunday

Worship Service

Town Hall Meeting

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Monday, October 17

2:00pm

Session

Tuesday, October 18

10:00am

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 19

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, October 20

10:00am

12:00pm

4:30pm

Game Fellowship

Lunch & Learn

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 23

10:30am

3:00pm

6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)

Concert Series – The Dunnemans

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 7

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. ⁴ See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! ⁵ And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. ⁶ But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. ⁸ In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. ⁹ One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. ¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. ¹³ For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. ¹⁵ This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” ²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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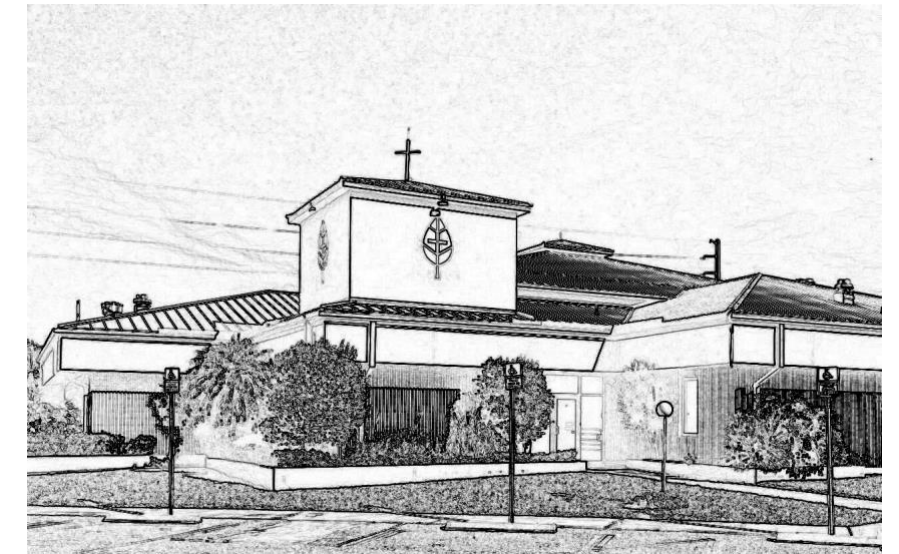
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Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!

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.

October 16, 2022

10:30am

PASTOR

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