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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Melodie* David Hegarty

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 122, Psalm 124)*

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**All:** *Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**All:** *We gather to worship God!*

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

**\*HYMN #182** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

### \*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 #812

**ANTHEM** *God of the Ages* Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *Thank God for the Promise of Spring* Wm. J. & Gloria Gaither  
*(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)*

### \*DOXOLOGY #815

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #539** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 1:22-2:12

**MESSAGE** *Being Built Up* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #358** *Because He Lives*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE #419** *The Family of God*

**POSTLUDE** *Adagio* Cornelius C. Gurlett

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

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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 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 the family of Gail Evans, whose sister Linda went home to the Lord on May 4th.

### 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*

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## NOTES

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**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** – The flowers are given by Joan Hoffman in memory of George.

**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](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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**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 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](mailto:first@fpcpunta.org).

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, May 25th, 10:00am** – Our study is based on the 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!*

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, June 1st, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners this summer at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up for a Wednesday night (**June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th**) 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.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, June 3rd, 5:00pm** – Join us for **dinner** at Prime Serious Steak in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, June 7th, 10:00am–11:30am.** Lesson 6 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.*

**DINNER & MOVIE NIGHTS – Wednesday, June 8th, 5:00pm** – Come for dinner and stay for a movie. **The Case for Christ (2017)** – based on a true story, Lee Strobel, an award-winning investigative journalist – and avowed atheist – applies his well-honed journalistic and legal skills to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife with unexpected, life-altering results.

**SUNSET CRUISE – Wednesday, June 22nd, 6:30pm** – Meet at the dock of Fisherman's Village, enjoy a glorious Florida sunset over Charlotte Harbor while you tour the waterfront, and relax at the end of yet another perfect day. Cruise duration is 90 minutes and begins at 7:00pm (arrive at the dock at 6:30pm), by King Fisher Cruises. The cost is \$27.00 per person.

**JULY 4TH CONCERT – Sunday, July 3rd, 3:00pm** – Bion Cantorum and First Presbyterian are sponsoring a Fourth of July concert. Members of Bion Cantorum, the Chancel Choir and other community singers will participate in an uplifting and totally Patriotic Concert. We will salute our Veterans and perform old standards such as *America, God Bless America, and Yankee Doodle* as well as some new and exciting patriotic music. **An Ice Cream Social follows the concert.** Meet the performers and have some wonderful ice cream. This is a free-will offering concert with a suggested donation of \$15.00. For further information call 941-661-1553 or call the church at 941-639-1959 or go online to [www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org). Come out and enjoy a wonderful holiday tradition!

**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 22nd to May 29th***

**Sunday, May 22**

10:30am      Worship Service  
6:00pm      Prayer Meeting (Facebook)

**Tuesday, May 24**

7:00pm      Patriotic Concert Rehearsal

**Wednesday, May 25**

10:00am      Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

**Thursday, May 26**

10:00am      Game Fellowship  
4:30pm      Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm      Peace River Radio Association

**Sunday, May 29**

10:30am      Worship Service (Also Online)

**Monday, May 30**

**Memorial Day  
Office Closed**

**SERMON NOTES**

**1 Peter 1:22-2:12**

<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

<sup>1</sup> So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.



***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 22, 2022**

**10:30am**

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

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
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Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Kay Callahan, Susie Lorenz

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