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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Sue Mesler, Flute

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Hatton/Callahan

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Exodus 15)*

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously.

**People:** *“The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him.”*

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**\*HYMN #104** *O Worship the King (vs. 1,2,5)*

### \*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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson  
*(based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-3)*  
Debbie Rostad, Soprano; Sue Mesler, Flute; Denny Ausman, Piano

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER *(debt/debtors)*

**OFFERTORY** *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome* Rambo/Huntsinger  
*(Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down your row)*

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #535** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 7:1-12

**MESSAGE** *Believer’s Relationships 4* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #33** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE #426** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 3)*

**POSTLUDE** *Ye Servants of God* Roger C. Wilson

\*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 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.

### *Those Who Grieve*

Pray for Bo Pullen and family, whose mother Barbara Sizemore went home to the Lord on July 31st.

Pray for Neta Gensemer and family, whose husband Ron went home to the Lord on August 1st. A Celebration of Life Service for Ron will be held on Wednesday, December 7th.

### *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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**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given by Robert Cuzner in loving memory of his brother, Frederick William “Bill” Edward Cuzner.

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

**SUMMER 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](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).

**DEACON’S FUND** – NEXT Sunday, August 21st, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misi3n Peniel, and others.

**HURRICANE SEASON** – We are in the heart of hurricane season and wanted to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don’t travel if you are not comfortable, join us online. Also, we set up a text messaging system last year to notify members if Services/Events were canceled. On Monday (August 15) **we will send out a test message**, if you do not want to receive a text message, please notify the church office. (If you are a regular attender and wish to be included on the text message, please note that on the Fellowship Pad.)

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**PHILIPPIANS – Epistle of Joy** – Join us **Wednesday, August 17th, at 10:00am** for **Donuts & Doctrine**. We will conclude our study of Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians. “Paul’s joy at the mere thought of the Philippian church is undeniable in the letter, and it’s that same joy that he wanted the recipients to possess as well. To lead the Philippians to this truth, Paul took them directly to Jesus, teaching them that a community of believers living in harmony with one another comes only through mutual humility modeled after the Savior. Paul wrote that he poured out his life as an offering for the sake of Christ, leading Paul to find great joy and contentment in Christ’s service. His letter to the Philippians showed them that by centering their lives on Christ, they, too, might live in true joy.” (Chuck Swindoll)

**DINNER & MOVIE NIGHTS – Wednesday, August 17th, 5:00pm** – Come for dinner and stay for a movie -- **Facing the Giants (2006)**. Sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, August 19th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Red Lobster, Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – We will not meet in August. We will resume on September 6th at 10:00am** with Lesson 8 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.**

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, September 7th, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners at their home on **September 7th, October 5th, and November 2nd**. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up for a Wednesday night 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.

**BURGERS FOR BADGES – Monday, September 19th, 11:00am – 1:00pm** – Help us show our appreciation to our Fire and Sheriff Departments as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**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)

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**August 14th to August 21st**

**Sunday, August 14**

10:30am      Worship Service  
6:00pm      Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

**Monday, August 15**

2:00pm      Session

**Tuesday, August 16**

10:00am      Mission Team

**Wednesday, August 17**

10:00am      Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study  
5:00pm      Dinner and a Movie

**Thursday, August 18**

10:00am      Game Fellowship

**Friday, August 19**

12:00pm      Ladies Lunch Bunch

**Sunday, August 21**

**Deacon's Fund Sunday**  
10:30am      Worship Service (Also Online)  
6:00pm      Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**Matthew 7:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. <sup>6</sup> “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. <sup>7</sup> “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”



***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.*

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**August 14, 2022**

**10:30am**

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

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
Sam Cessna  
Bev Brady, Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Patti Nuznoff