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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Hymn Festival  
#90 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee – vs. 1,2,4  
#612 – In This Very Room – vs. 1,2  
#270 – Joy to the World! – vs. 1,2,4  
#745 – Rejoice in the Lord Always  
#764 – The Trees of the Field

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Rejoice! Be Glad* Todd Kendall

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**INTROIT** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* C. Wesley, J. Darwell  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #132** *Join All the Glorious Names (vs. 1,2,3)*

### \*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** *God of the Ages* D. Roberts / Joseph M. Martin  
Chancel Choir

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

**OFFERTORY** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Keith Green

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**\*HYMN #406** *Wonderful Words of Life*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 51:10-12

**MESSAGE** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #344** *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE #358** *Because He Lives (Refrain)*

**POSTLUDE** *Ancient of Days* Robert J. Hughes

\*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 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	
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Ernie Lehman	

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

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

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## NOTES

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**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given today by Charles Sampsel in memory of his father Charles F. Sampsel, M.D.

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

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

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES** – 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!

### Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	March	Year-to-Date
*Tithes & Offerings	\$26,938.39	\$86,046.31
Cash Expenditures	\$21,183.32	\$69,724.44
Net	\$ 5,755.07	\$16,321.87

\*This amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given in January

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**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).

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – Next Class will be on May 21st 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 join us. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.) Please sign up in the church foyer.

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, May 2nd at 10:00am* with Lesson 23 (James 5:12-18 "Praying Always" 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 BIBLE STUDY** – *Wednesday, May 3rd, at 10:00am.* Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for our weekly Bible study. We continue our study on Jude's epistles.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, May 5th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Monty's Restaurant in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

**PIANO CONCERT** – *Sunday, May 7th at 3:00pm* – The Two Piano Group will present a concert titled "Two Piano Spring Fling" in our Sanctuary. A Free Will Offering will be taken - suggested donation is \$15.00.

**PEACE GARDENS** – *Tuesday, May 9th at 9:00am* – Fellowship Team has a tour scheduled to visit the Peace Gardens here in Punta Gorda. A docent will lead us on a 1 ½ mile walk for 1 ½ hours. The cost is \$15/person. We will meet at the Peace River Gardens – 5827 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE** – *Beginning May 10th at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of May through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

**CROSSROADS MEAL PREP** – *Saturday, May 13th.* We are planning to help prepare a meal for the boys at Crossroads Hope Academy. Watch for more details and sign up in the church foyer.

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – *Wednesday, June 7th at 5:00pm.* Barksdale and Bo will be hosting a get-together dinner 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. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

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## MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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### 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)

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## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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*April 30th to May 7th*

### Sunday, April 30

10:15am Hymn Festival  
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)  
11:30am Fellowship Time  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

### Tuesday, May 2

10:00am Women’s Bible Study  
1:30pm Fellowship Team

### Wednesday, May 3

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine  
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry  
5:00pm Pullen Up a Chair

### Thursday, May 4

10:00am **National Day of Prayer**  
Game Fellowship  
4:30pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, May 5

12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

### Sunday, May 7

10:30am **Communion Sunday**  
Worship Service (Also Online)  
11:30am Fellowship Time  
3:00pm “Two Piano Spring Fling” Concert  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

**First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda**  
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Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

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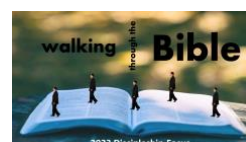
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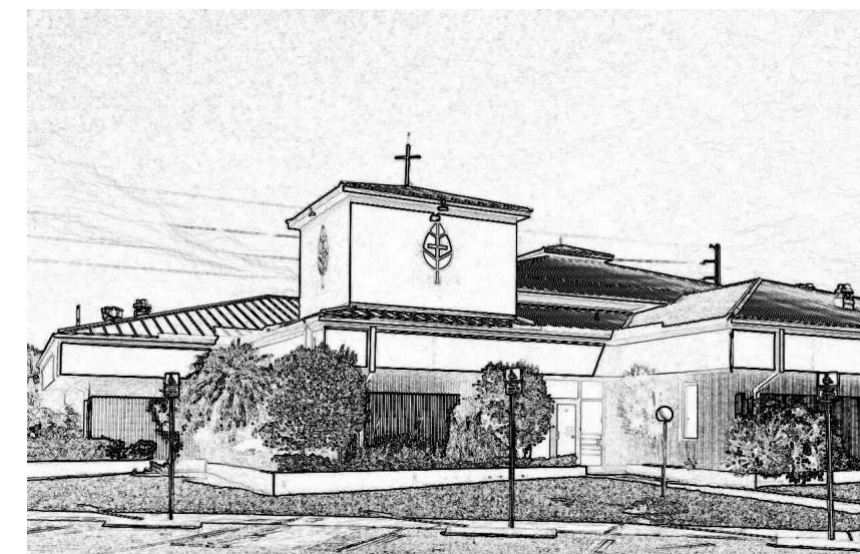
### Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.



### **Bible Readings**

April 30 2 Samuel 19:31-20:26  
Psalm 7  
2 Samuel 21:1-22  
1 Chronicles 20:4-8  
May 1 2 Samuel 22:1-51  
Psalm 18  
May 2 2 Samuel 24:1-9  
1 Chronicles 21:1-6  
2 Samuel 24:10-17  
1 Chronicles 21:7-17  
2 Samuel 24:18-25  
1 Chronicles 21:18-22:19  
May 3 1 Chronicles 23:1-25:31  
May 4 1 Chronicles 26:1-28:21  
May 5 1 Chronicles 29:1-22  
1 Kings 1:1-53  
May 6 1 Kings 2:1-9  
2 Samuel 23:1-7  
1 Kings 2:10-12  
1 Chronicles 29:26-30  
Psalms 4-6, 8-9, 11



***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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**April 30, 2023**

**10:30am**

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

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
Sam Cessna

Bev Brady, Judy Cornell, Susie Lorenz, Billie Sixt