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**WORSHIP SERVICE – Second Sunday in Lent**

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Nancy Smith

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul* John Peterson  
Nancy Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP****PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**INTROIT** *Christ, Be Our Light!* Bernadette Farrell  
Chancel Choir

**\*HYMN #97** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Our gracious and patient God, we confess that we too often allow our fears to determine what we do and say. We fail to trust Your promises or believe in Your power. We forget that You are greater than any of our fears or problems. Please forgive our lack of faith and remind us that there is nothing in this world that we need to fear for You are always with us. (*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** (*debt/debtors*)

**OFFERTORY** *He* Mullins/Richard

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we have given to You what is Yours. You entrust us with so much abundance; accept what we offer to You now as signs of our love for You and our desire to serve You. You alone are Lord of our lives. It is already so; make it so even more for us, day by day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN #488** *Just as I Am*

**SCRIPTURE** Numbers 6:22-27

**MESSAGE** *Blessings* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Behold the Lamb*

**COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN #688** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Our Father in Heaven* Johann Pachelbel

\*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	Jack Rothley
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Ernie Lehman	

**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 Bev Brady in honor of George Fallenbeck's 80th birthday.

**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** – 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**

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$38,611.51	\$38,611.51
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$26,373.02</u>	<u>\$26,373.02</u>
Net	\$12,238.49	\$12,238.49

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

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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. 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.)

**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 devotionals for you to choose from in the church foyer to help you prepare for Holy Week (April 2-9).

**EASTER LILIES** – We will be decorating the church with lilies for Easter. If you would like to donate one in remembrance or honor of a loved one, please use the offering envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$7 for each lily. **Please have your envelope back by Monday, April 3rd**, in time for the bulletin insert.

**LIVING CROSS** – We are requesting flowers and greenery for the “living cross” for Easter morning. **Please bring both the flowers and greenery at 10:00am on Saturday, April 8th.** Sign up in the church foyer to help with the “living cross”.

**\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE\*\*\***

- **Palm Sunday – April 2 – 10:30am Worship Service**
- **Maundy Thursday – April 6 – 7:00pm Communion Service**
- **Good Friday – April 7 – 12:00pm Good Friday Service**
- **Easter Sunday – April 9 – 10:30am Easter Sunday Worship Service**

**ACTIVITIES / EVENTS**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, March 7th at 10:00am* with Lesson 19 (James 4:11-12 “Refusing to Judge Others” 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, March 8th, at 10:00am.* Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for our weekly Bible study. We continue our study on John's epistles.

**ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES – NEXT Sunday, March 12th, 3:00pm** – For our last concert of the 2022-2023 series, come to hear Patti Page (a Handbell Soloist) and the Joyful Ringers (a Handbell Choir from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Charlotte). A free will offering will be taken.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** – *Wednesday, March 15th, 5:00pm* – Plan now to attend our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner with corned beef and cabbage and fixings, along with “green” desserts. Nancy Smith will play piano, and we will sing Irish songs. Pastor Barksdale will do a trivia game. Suggested donation is \$7.00. Sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, March 17th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us at Beef ‘O’ Bradys in Punta Gorda. **All ladies are invited!**

**BURGERS FOR BADGES** – *Monday, April 17th, 11:00am – 1:00pm* – Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department 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. **If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as “B4B”.**

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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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**March 5th to March 12th**

**Sunday, March 5**

**Second Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday**

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

**Monday, March 6**

- 1:00pm Worship Team

**Tuesday, March 7**

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

**Wednesday, March 8**

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

**Thursday, March 9**

- 10:00am Game Fellowship
- 4:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 12**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 3:00pm Concert Series - Handbells
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**Numbers 6:22-27**

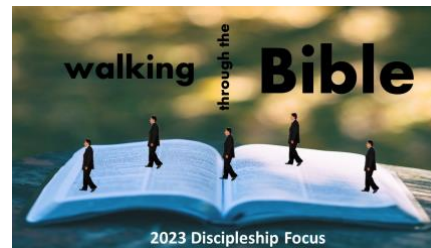
<sup>22</sup> The Lord said to Moses, <sup>23</sup> “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup> ““The Lord bless you  
and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.””

<sup>27</sup> “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”



**Bible Readings**

- March 5 Numbers 19:1-21:35
- March 6 Numbers 22:1-24:25
- March 7 Numbers 25:1-26:65
- March 8 Numbers 27:1-29:40
- March 9 Numbers 30:1-31:54
- March 10 Numbers 32:1-33:56
- March 11 Numbers 34:1-36:13

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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.*

**March 5, 2023**

**10:30am**

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

- Dr. Barksdale Pullen
- Joan Byron
- Denny Ausman
- Debbie Rostad
- Bev Brady

Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Maria Greene, Susie Lorenz