
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Music for Mothers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Pastorale for Mother's Day* Robert A. Roesch

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INTROIT *O God Beyond All Praising* G. Holst / Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #692** *God Will Take Care of You*

***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 #813**

ANTHEM *These Are the Things* J. P. Williams / D. Lantz III
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Abide With Me* John M. Rasley

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, as You have shared life and love with us, lead us to share even more generously our lives and our love. May we know that as we give and share, others come to know You in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to You so that through Your church we might be helpful and generous in love to a world in great need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #682** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

MESSAGE *Good Shepherd* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #778** *Sweet By and By*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #571** *Trust and Obey (Refrain)*

POSTLUDE *Thanks Be To Thee* Gertrude Haupt Nicholson

*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 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*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Robert Cuzner in memory of Roger Long.

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.

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*.

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

	April	Year-to-Date
*Tithes & Offerings	\$21,392.84	\$107,439.15
Cash Expenditures	\$25,049.60	\$ 94,774.04
Net	(\$ 3,656.76)	\$ 12,665.11

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – NEXT SUNDAY - 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.

MISSION'S SPRING PROJECTS – *Now through May 21st* – With your financial donations, the Mission Team will purchase **Tents** for *Jesus Loves You Ministry* and **Wheelchairs** for *Lisa Alfonsi in Lima, Peru*. Please mark your donations for "Tents" or "Wheelchairs". Thank you!

DEACON'S FUND – *Next Sunday, May 21st*, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00am* with Lesson 24 (James 5:19-20 "Demonstrating a Heart of Love" and Lesson 25 "Summary of James" 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.* **Note: We will break for the summer and begin a new study in the fall.**

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – Join us on *Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00am* as we address some of the questions that have arisen from our chronological reading of the Bible, and general questions about the Christian faith. **Question for May 17: Why does God seem so angry in the Old Testament, and loving in the New Testament?**

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, May 19th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at LongHorn Restaurant in Port Charlotte. *All ladies are invited!*

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, May 24th at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – *June – August, Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15am.* As a Grandparent, you play an important role in your Grandchildren's lives – so important that your influence on them has eternal significance. Becoming an effective Grandparent isn't just another season of your life; it is a God-given calling! Come join us for inspiration, tools, and connection with others as we seek God's truth and guidance in becoming effective, loving Grandparents. This will be a 12-week video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale, beginning *Sunday, June 4th, at 9:15 -10:15am in the Fellowship Hall.*

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.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

May 14th to May 21st



Sunday, May 14

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

Monday, May 15

- 2:00pm Session

Tuesday, May 16

- 10:00am Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18

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

Friday, May 19

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, May 21

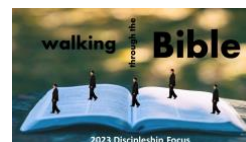
- 9:30am Membership Class
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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SERMON NOTES

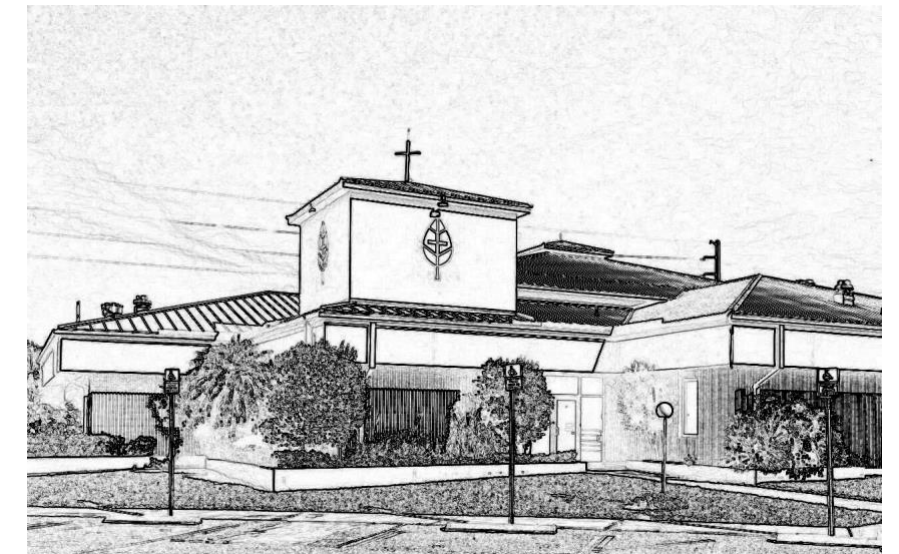
Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Bible Readings

- May 14 Psalms 103, 108-110, 122, 124
- May 15 Psalms 131, 133, 138-141, 143
- May 16 Psalms 144-145, 88-89
- May 17 Psalms 50, 73-74
- May 18 Psalms 75-78
- May 19 Psalms 79-82
- May 20 Psalm 83
1 Chronicles 29:23-25
2 Chronicles 1:1
1 Kings 2:13-3:4
2 Chronicles 1:2-6
1 Kings 3:5-15
2 Chronicles 1:7-13



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 14, 2023

10:30am

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| PASTOR | Dr. Barksdale Pullen |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR | Joan Byron |
| ORGANIST | Denny Ausman |
| OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN | Debbie Rostad |
| LITURGIST | Don Washabaugh |
| USHERS | Sharon Albright, Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Judy Cornell |