
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Praise Songs with Gail Thornton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude in C* J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving* Nick Vangeloff
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #797** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*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.

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ANTHEM *Songs of Thanksgiving* arr. Chuck Bridwell
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *We Gather Together* arr. Carol Tornquist

*DOXOLOGY

*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 #170** *Give Thanks*

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 13:20-25

MESSAGE *The Benediction* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #788** *Now Thank We All Our God*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #425** *Bind Us Together*

POSTLUDE *Great Is the Lord* Michael W. & Deborah D. Smith

*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 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 with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	Jack Rothley
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris		

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

WELCOME TO DEBBIE ROSTAD as our Guest Organist/Pianist today.

NEW NAME TAGS – We have had a request for new name tags with magnets instead of our current clip ones. If you would like one, please write your name on the sheet. Thanks!

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Marjorie Haun in memory of Ken.

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

NOVEMBER 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.

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](https://www.fpcpunta.org)) by clicking the logo *vimeo livestream*.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – *Next class will be in January 2023* -- 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.

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!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – A new ministry team has been formed that will be responsible for the planning and serving of the receptions that follow Memorial Services. Joan Hoffman is the Chairperson. If you are interested in helping her, please sign up in the church foyer. This is a good opportunity for someone to be involved with a simple ministry but also a much appreciated one.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING – This year we will support two ministries with our Thanksgiving offerings (*through November 20th*).

Jesus Loves You Ministry – “Blue Jeans Project”

St. Vincent de Paul – “Thanksgiving Meals Project”

Please use the special “Gifting Envelopes” and make checks payable to FPC.

TOYS FOR TOTS -- We are helping the Marine Corps Reserve celebrate their 75th Anniversary of *Toys for Tots*. Please bring an unwrapped gift, for infants up to teenagers and place in the special box. Let's bring smiles to many children this Christmas. **We will collect gifts until December 13th.**

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports efforts to help congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY – **TODAY** we offer our 2023 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church. *Narrative Budget Booklets and Pledge Cards are in the back of the sanctuary and in the church foyer.*

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – *Next Sunday, November 27th.*

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – Sign up in the church foyer to help decorate our church **THIS Saturday, November 26th, 9:00am.**

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – *Resumes in January.*

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – *Wednesday, November 30th, 12:00pm* – Presented by the Sheriff's Department on “Scams & Crimes Pulled on Seniors”. Sub sandwiches will be provided. There will be a \$5.00/person donation. Please sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, December 2nd, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at Olive Garden in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. **All ladies are invited!**

CONCERT SERIES – *Sunday, December 4th at 3:00pm* – Our next concert is *The Two Piano Group*. Come hear their mix of contemporary and traditional favorites, plus new and innovative ones. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00. Christmas cookies will be served following the concert.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00am* with Lesson 13 (James 3:5-8 “Taming the Tongue” 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.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RON GENSEMER – *Wednesday, December 7th at 2:00pm* – A Celebration of Life Service for Ron Gensemer will be held in our Sanctuary.

BABY SHOWER FOR MISSIONARIES KATIE AND CHASEN BROKAW – *Thursday, December 8th at 2:00pm by ZOOM* -- Due to shipping issues, we are asking for financial donations and a card instead of gifts. Katie will then be able to get the things she needs. Please sign up in the church foyer.

SERVING IN IMMOKALEE – *Friday, December 9th, 11:00am – 1:00pm* – FPC has an opportunity to serve the workers in Immokalee handing out groceries. If you are interested, please sign up in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – *Wednesday, December 14th at 5:00pm* – Turkey and ham will be provided. Please sign up in the church foyer to bring a side dish or dessert. We will have music. Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF: For those wanting to help those in need, you may support relief agencies that are doing work here. One serving locally in Punta Gorda, Englewood, and Fort Myers is Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>).

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

November 20th to November 27th

Sunday, November 20

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Deacon's Fund Sunday

Worship Service

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Tuesday, November 22

4:30pm

Chanel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 23

10:00am

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, November 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 26

9:00am

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 27

10:15am

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

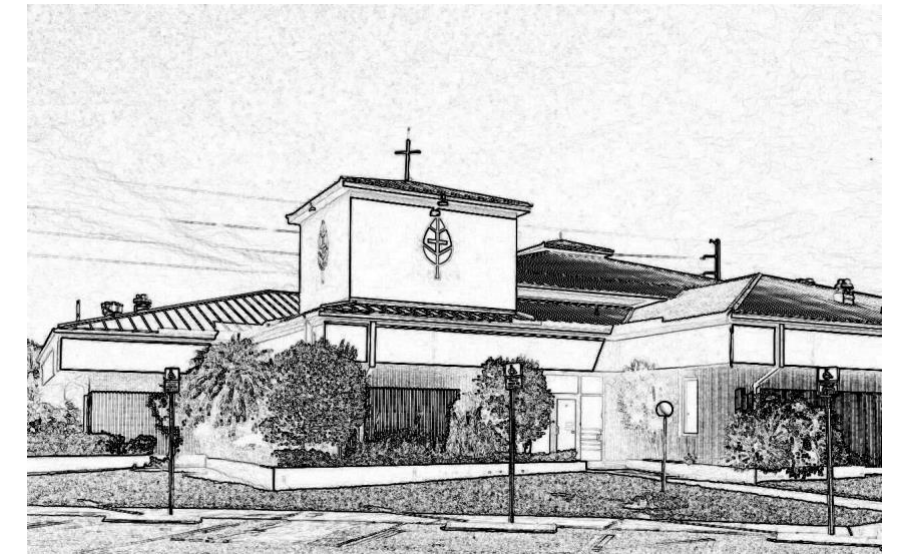
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SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 13:20-25

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ²² Brothers and sisters, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for in fact I have written to you quite briefly. ²³ I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. ²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all the Lord's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with you all.



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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November 20, 2022

10:30am

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