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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Prelude I* J. S. Bach

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

*All: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

*All: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

*All: Praise the LORD, my soul.*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

**\*HYMN #207** *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

## 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.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri*

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Wm. Bradbury, arr. Tornquist

**\*DOXOLOGY #815**

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:14-15

**SERMON** *Parable of Lamp on a Stand* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #38** *Ye Servants of God*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN #425** *Bind Us Together*

**POSTLUDE** *This Little Light of Mine* Children's Gospel Song

\*Please stand, if able

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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 and ECO 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	Tom Kerr
Ella Sifferd	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	Carol Kerr
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Jack Rothley	

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

Jean Hinman, *The Palms of Punta Gorda*      Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

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*NOTES*

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***GUEST ORGANIST*** – We welcome Debbie Rostad as guest organist/pianist today.

***CHURCH DIRECTORIES*** – We are updating our new church database and directory. If your contact information has changed, please call, or email the church office. We also would like birthday and anniversary information (*No birth years will be posted in the directory!*).

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

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

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given by Laurel Aumend in memory of her father, Gene Aumend.

**FLOWERS** – May be sponsored for the cost of \$37.50. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer. You may list the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.

**BULLETIN BOARD** – Check out notes and messages of interest 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*** – These daily devotionals are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

**STREAMING MINISTRY** – Live stream our services on our website homepage ([www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org)) by clicking the logo *vimeo livestream*.

**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).

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## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

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**DEACON'S FUND** – NEXT Sunday, August 15th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** – Rehearsals resume on **Thursday, August 26th at 7pm** for returning and new choir members. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 for more information.

**SOCIABLE SINGLES** – **Friday, August 20th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Luigi's in Port Charlotte. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Join us on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 8th at 10:00am for a new Bible Study on I and II Samuel.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY** – Resumes September 8th.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY** – Our Missions group is taking donations of socks and underwear to be given to Jesus Loves You Ministry, for the homeless of Charlotte County, from **August 8th through August 22nd**. Sizes for men's boxers or briefs are medium/large. Women's sizes are 5 to 7. \$\$ donations will also be taken to purchase these items. Please make checks payable to FPC and list "socks" in the Memo line. ***Thank you for your help in supporting this mission to the less fortunate of our community.***

**MISSIONS SUPPORT** – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2021 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 – AUGUST 8 – AUGUST 15**

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<b><u>Sunday, August 8</u></b>	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
<b><u>Monday, August 9</u></b>	
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
<b><u>Tuesday, August 10</u></b>	
10:00am	Mission Team
<b><u>Thursday, August 12</u></b>	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
<b><u>Sunday, August 15</u></b>	<b>Deacon's Fund Sunday</b>
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)



***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.*

**August 8, 2021**

**10:30am**

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<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Joan Byron
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Denny Ausman
<b>OFFICE MANAGER</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Sam Cessna
<b>USHERS</b>	Charlie Costa, Marjorie Haun, Jean LaMantia, Diane Truby

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