

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>He Comes to Us</i>	Gilbert M. Martin
CALL TO WORSHIP		
INTROIT	<i>O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord</i>	Donald Moore
	Chancel Choir	
*HYMN #92		<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to love others according to Your will. We judge them and make assumptions about others without ever trying to take the time to understand them. We see them not with the eyes of Jesus, but with our selfish eyes. Please forgive us and help us to remember that Jesus came to give His life for all people. May we show grace and mercy to others just as You have done for us. <i>(Silent Confession)</i>		
*WORDS OF ASSURANCE		
*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	<i>At the Table of the Lord</i>	Jay Althouse
	Chancel Choir	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	
	Gail Thornton and Denny Ausman	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*HYMN #100		<i>Thou Art Worth</i>
SCRIPTURE		Luke 2:22-52
MESSAGE	<i>Boyhood of Jesus</i>	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	
COMMUNION		
*HYMN #353		<i>Victory in Jesus</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE #232		<i>God Be with You, vs. 1</i>
POSTLUDE	<i>The Thankful Heart Rejoices</i>	Lani Smith
*Please stand, if able		

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER			
Prayer Focus			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 Who Grieve			
Pray for the family of Jean Hinman, who went home to the Lord on September 13th.			
Those with Special Needs			
Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Lynn Lang
Ella Sifferd	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Jack Rothley	
Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes			
Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>			
NOTES			
CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.			
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.			
CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.			
FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.			
FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the <u>cost of \$37.50</u> . 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 on the Bulletin Board in the church lobby.			
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 <i>vimeo livestream</i> .			

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES	
GATHER FOR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online</u> . Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org .	
DONUTS & DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – <i>This Wednesday, October 6th at 10:00am</i> – Our study is on the biblical books I and II Samuel. All are welcome (no sign up required).	
WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY – <i>This Wednesday, October 6th from 5:00 – 7:00pm</i> – Join us for supper followed by watching Season 2 of the series <i>The Chosen</i> with discussion afterwards. Sign up in the church foyer or email the church office. This week’s menu is Chili and fixins.	
SOCIABLE SINGLES – <i>Friday, October 15th, 12:00pm</i> – Join us for lunch at <i>Peter’s Restaurant</i> in Port Charlotte. Please sign up in the church foyer.	
CONCERT SERIES – <i>Sunday, October 17th at 3:00pm</i> – Pianist Nada joins us for our first concert of our Annual Concert Series program. Her program is titled “Contrasting Worlds”. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00. Season brochures are in the church foyer.	
BADGES AND BURGERS – <i>Monday, October 18th from 11:00am to 1:00pm</i> – Come out and help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff’s Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. If you have the time, come out and have lunch with us out by the BBQ Pit and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer. (If you have a tailgate type of tent, we could use 2-3 that day.)	
PUNTA GORDA MURAL WALK -- <i>Tuesday, October 26th</i> – Join Pastor Barksdale as we walk through downtown Punta Gorda and see eleven of the murals and learn a little of the history of Punta Gorda. The walk is approximately two miles and we will <i>gather at the church at 9:30am</i> . We will walk and then end up at Harbor Scoops for a treat. Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer, limited to twelve people.	
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – <i>Tuesday, November 2nd, 10:00am-11:30am</i> at the church. Our study is <i>Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season</i> by Melissa Spoelstra. For November we will study Lessons 3 and 4. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. <i>All are welcome!</i>	
PERMISSION TO TEXT -- Our new database system has the ability to send a group text message to our church family. This could be helpful during this time of year if we need to cancel a Study or Service due to inclement weather. <i>However, we need your permission</i> . So, in the foyer over the next couple of weeks will be a sign up sheet giving us permission to text you. If you are in the directory but out of town, we will automatically take you off this list.	
INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? – Simply go to our website at fpcpunta.org and look under the <i>Home</i> tab. There you will find all the information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC.	
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)	

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

October 3rd – October 10th

Sunday, October 3

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, October 4

1:00pm Worship Team

Tuesday, October 5

9:00am Fellowship Team
6:30pm Bion Cantorum Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 6

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
5:00pm Supper and Bible Study (The Chosen)

Thursday, October 7

10:00am Game Fellowship
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 10

10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

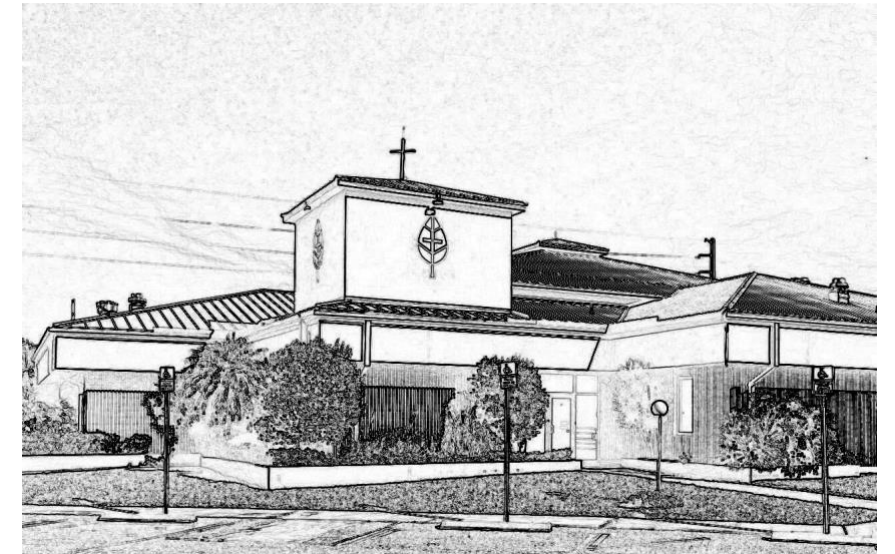
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SERMON NOTES



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.

October 3, 2021

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Don Washabaugh
USHERS	Kay Callahan, Marjorie Haun, Jean LaMantia, Patti Nuznoff