

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC James McDuffey  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRELUDE A Patriotic Quotation arr. Robert A. Hughes  
RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.  
Pastor: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
All: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION  
\*HYMN #807 My Country, 'Tis of Thee  
\*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.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri  
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER  
OFFERTORY Peace Like A River

\*DOXOLOGY #815  
SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:44-46  
SERMON Parable of the Hidden Treasure Pastor Barksdale Pullen  
SPECIAL MUSIC Amazing Grace James McDuffey, Soloist

COMMUNION  
\*HYMN #804 Battle Hymn of the Republic (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*HYMN #804 Battle Hymn of the Republic (Refrain)  
POSTLUDE America arr. Robert A. Hughes

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

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 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 Misi3n 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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

NOTES

COOKIES – Remember to bring cookies / treats for Sunday Fellowship. Thank you!  
CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.  
JULY NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.  
FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Joan and Ray Byron to Honor our Veterans.  
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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**JULY 4TH CONCERT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL THIS AFTERNOON** – at 3:00pm in our *Sanctuary* for a special concert to celebrate the July 4th holiday. Freedom Singers (our Chancel Choir, Bion Cantorum, and community members) will present this program of patriotic music. A freewill offering (suggested donation of \$15.00) will be collected. Veterans are free - thank you for your service. An Ice Cream Social will follow the concert.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY** – Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm for supper - the menu for July 7th is Jets Pizza/Salad/Watermelon/Brownies. Following supper, at 5:45pm, we will watch the video series *The Chosen* with discussion from 6:30 – 7:00pm. Sign up in the church foyer.

**SOCIABLE SINGLES – FRIDAY, JULY 16TH, 12:00PM** – Join us for lunch at Riviera Bar & Grill in Punta Gorda. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY** - Sign-up in the church foyer to be part of this ministry to the homeless in Charlotte County. We will help with clothing drives and other activities that come up during the year.

**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 – JULY 4 – JULY 11**

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### **Sunday, July 4**

3:00pm July 4th Concert and Ice Cream Social

### **Monday, July 5**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### **Wednesday, July 7**

5:00pm Supper and Bible Study

### **Thursday, July 8**

10:00am Game Fellowship

### **Sunday, July 11**

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.*

**July 4, 2021**

**10:00am**

**PASTOR  
CHOIR DIRECTOR  
ORGANIST  
OFFICE MANAGER  
LITURGIST**

**Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
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Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday - Thursday