

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Dwelling in His Word Robert J. Hughes

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Romans 8)

Pastor: What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

All: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Pastor: Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.

All: Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died –

more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Pastor: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTROIT This is the House of the Lord Donald Moore  
Chancel Choir

\*HYMN #128 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

\* OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:3-5

\*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.

\*GLORIA PATRI #813

ANTHEM Lift Every Voice; Let All Rejoice Haydn, arr. Hopson  
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY The Penitent Heart Esther S. Higgins

\*DOXOLOGY #815

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #705 It Is Well with My Soul

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:5-25

MESSAGE A Forerunner Pastor Barksdale Pullen

\*HYMN #403 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #232 God Be with You, vs. 1

POSTLUDE Praise Be To God Matt Bowers

\*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 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, Royal Palm

NOTES

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Marguerite O’Brien in memory of John J. O’Brien.

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 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](mailto: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*.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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).

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

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – *This Wednesday, September 22nd at 10:00am* – Our study is on the biblical books I and II Samuel. All are welcome (no sign up required).

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY – *This Wednesday, September 22nd from 5:00 – 7:00pm* – Join us for supper followed by watching Season 2 of the series *The Chosen* with discussion afterwards. Sign up in the church foyer or email the church office. This week’s menu is Subs, Chips, Fruit and Dessert.

SOCIABLE SINGLES – *Friday, October 1st, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at *Fish Market* at Fishermans Village in Punta Gorda. Please sign up in the church foyer.

ANNUAL ALZHEIMER’S WALK -- *Saturday morning, October 2nd* – FPC is sponsoring a team in the Annual Alzheimer's Walk in downtown Punta Gorda. You can sign up to be part of the FPC team that walks, or you can be a financial sponsor of the team. Invite your friends. Sign up in the church foyer as a walker or sponsor.

CONCERT SERIES – *Sunday, October 17th at 3:00pm* – Nada Loutfi, Pianist, 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 – *Monday, October 18th from 11:00am to 1:00pm* – 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.)

JOIN US FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD – as we celebrate the holiday season with Bill Johnson as Bob Hope and The Motown Girls singing your favorites of the 40’s, 50’s, and 60’s. This patriotic USO style tribute show will surely warm your hearts for the holidays and gain an appreciation for our troops abroad! The church has a limited number of seats, so sign up in the church foyer or email the church office.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? – Simply go to our website at [fpcpunta.org](https://www.fpcpunta.org) and look under the *Home* tab. There you will find all the information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY – Thanks to you we collected 356+ items of clothing and 100 razors for their ministry to the homeless in Charlotte County.

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

SERMON NOTES

September 19th - September 26th

<b><u>Sunday, September 19</u></b> 6:00pm	<b>Deacons Fund Sunday</b> Prayer Meeting (Online)
<b><u>Tuesday, September 21</u></b> 7:00pm	Bion Cantorum Rehearsal
<b><u>Wednesday, September 22</u></b> 10:00am 5:00pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Supper and Bible Study (The Chosen)
<b><u>Thursday, September 23</u></b> 10:00am 7:00pm	Game Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>Sunday, September 26</u></b> 10:15am 10:30am 6:00pm	Hymn Sing Worship Service (Also Online) 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.*

September 19, 2021	10:30am
PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
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