

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Nancy Smith

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude in C J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

INTROIT Be Joyful in the Lord D. Moore Chancel Choir

*HYMN #182 For the Beauty of the Earth

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:28-32

*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.

ANTHEM These Are the Things P. Williams / D. Lantz Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 3

SERMON Song of Praise Pastor Barksdale Pullen

*HYMN #453 Happy Our Home When God Is There

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN #349 O How He Loves You and Me (verse 1)

POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Beethoven

OFFERING

CASH & CHECKS - Offering plates are in the back of the church. You may leave your tithe or offering there as you leave today or mail it directly to the church office.

GIVE ONLINE – Visit www.fpcpunta.org/donate for online options.

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Focus

- Pray for peace and healing for our nation at this time of unrest – pandemic and protests. Pray for our leaders that they would have wisdom to navigate all the issues facing our nation.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- 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 that we support in Peru and Guatemala.
- Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.
- Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry in Port Charlotte.
- Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries that we support in Nicaragua.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt
Ella Sifferd	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Jerry Smith
Jean Humphreys	Tom Kerr	Carol Kerr

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

NOTES

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

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

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

PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given in Honor of all Mothers on this Mother’s Day.

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. **There are openings for May.**

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 (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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME – We have resumed our Fellowship Time after Worship Service on Sundays with coffee service only. (Hopefully, we can bring back the cookies/treats in June.) In consideration of others, we are asking that you wear your mask when you are up and about in the Fellowship Hall. And as always, if you are not comfortable joining Fellowship Time after church, no worries, we will be there when you are ready.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE — Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Barksdale Pullen, meets on **Wednesday, May 12th, at 10:00am** both at the church and online. **Please join us in person or online.**

GAME FELLOWSHIP – Join us on **Thursdays from 10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.

CHOIR REHEARSAL – Choir Rehearsals continue this **Thursday, May 13th, at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary. We will rehearse for about an hour and we are planning to sing as a choir on Mother’s Day and Memorial Day. **Wear your masks!**

CHARLOTTE COUNTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – Our church will have a Memories Booth at this event. Pastor Barksdale and Bev Brady will be there to give out cards and pens with our information on them. All are welcome to stop by on **Saturday, May 15th from 11:00am to 3:00pm** at the Convention Center. (**You may also sign up to help man the table – Thank you!**) This is a free event and a way for us to let people know we are around.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, May 18th, 10:00am-11:30am** at the church. Our study is *Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season* by Melissa Spoelstra. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. **All are welcome!**

FIRST RESPONDER COOKIE EVENT – Bring cookies to the church on **Sunday, May 23rd**, as we will pack the cookies after church and deliver to First Responders. Please sign up in the church foyer.

CHURCH BBQ COOKOUT SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 5:00PM – Hot dogs and burgers will be cooked in our newly cleaned barbecue pit. We will eat inside in Fellowship Hall. Beverages (water and lemonade) and paper goods will be supplied. Please sign up in the church foyer to attend and please bring a dish to share.

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

May 9th thru May 16th

Sunday, May 9
6:00pm **MOTHER'S DAY**
Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, May 10
10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, May 11
10:00am Missions Team

Wednesday, May 12
10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, May 13
10:00am Game Fellowship
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

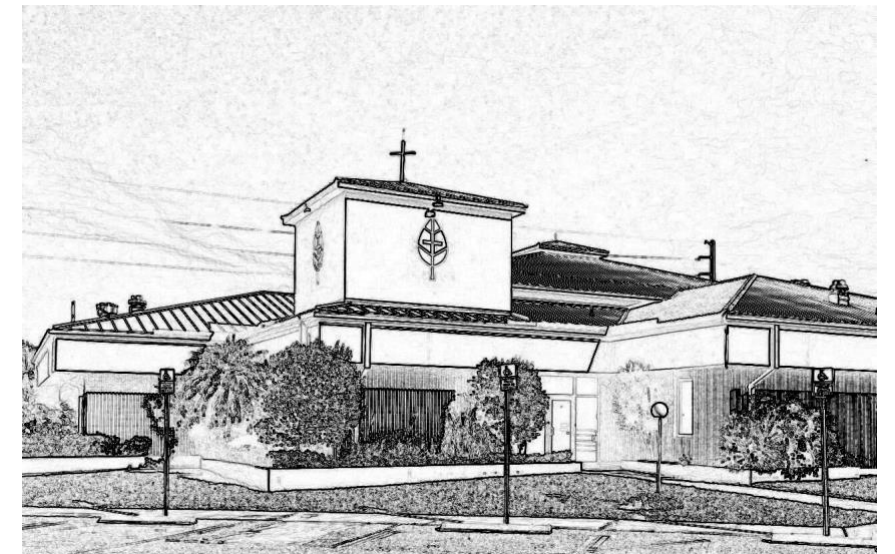
Saturday, May 15
11:00am – 3:00pm Charlotte County Centennial
Convention Center

Sunday, May 16
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.

May 9, 2021

10:30am

PASTOR
CHOIR DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE MANAGER
LITURGIST

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Joan Byron
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Kathy Belville