

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Jesus, I Will Ponder Now Melcher Vilnius

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

*HYMN #361 Worship Christ, the Risen King

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 5:9-14

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Taken from 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

SPECIAL MUSIC I Will Sing of My Redeemer James McGranahan

SCRIPTURE Psalm 148

SERMON Praise Him Pastor Barksdale Pullen

*HYMN #368 He Lives

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Welcome, Happy Morning Roger C. Wilson

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	Barb Harris
Ella Sifferd	Ron Sixt	Phyllis Ehrhardt
Irene Csontos	Tom Kerr	Rick Berner
Jean Humphreys	Jean LaMantia	Jerry Smith

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

NOTES

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

APRIL NEWSLETTERS – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.

FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Charles Sampsel in memory of his father Charles F. Sampsel, M.D.

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.

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY OUTREACH – Our first project to help with this ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County is to collect Denim Jeans (sizes 26 through 38 waists). Please bring jeans between April 11th and 25th. You may also make a financial donation (checks payable to FPC with “Denim Jeans” in memo line) and the Missions Committee will purchase jeans for you. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP TIME –We will have our Fellowship Time after Worship Service on Sundays, and we will start 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.

DEACON’S FUND – Next Sunday, April 18th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

PUNTA GORDA MURAL WALK MONDAY, APRIL 12– 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 gather at the church at 9:00am on Monday, April 12th. We will finish around 11:00am at Harbor Scoops for a treat. Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer, limited to twelve people.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall Monday, April 12th at 10am.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE — Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Barksdale Pullen, meets on Wednesday, April 14th, at 10:00am both at the church and online. Please join us in person or online.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, April 20th, 10-11:30am at the church. We will begin a new study on Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season by Melissa Spoelstra. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. All are welcome!

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

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE – CANCELLED ESCHEDULED JANUARY 2022

MEMBERSHIP CLASS – Are you interested in joining the church, or learning a bit more about its history and future? Join Pastor Barksdale on Sunday mornings, April 18 & 25, at 9:15. (Our denomination, ECO, also has an affiliate membership for those wishing to retain their membership in their home church.)

CHURCH WORK DAY – Friday, April 23rd, 9:00am – It’s time to clean the grill pit so we can have our May BBQ and other events. Just bring a good pair of gloves and shoes. Sign up in the church foyer.

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

April 11th thru April 18th

Sunday, April 11

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, April 12

9:00am Mural Walk of Punta Gorda
10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Wednesday, April 14

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, April 15

10:00 No Game Fellowship this week

Sunday, April 18

9:15am Church Membership Class
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

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.

April 11, 2021

10:30am

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