

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Nancy Smith

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

arr. Denton

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

\*HYMN #225

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving Spirit, who moves freely and gracefully through this world, transforming and mending broken pieces, we confess that we stumble through life, trying to survive on our own power. We feel paralyzed—numbed by fear, by old habits, by the effort we expend in trying to impress others. We try to earn Your grace through our own awkward endeavors, forgetting that all that we are comes from You. In Your mercy forgive us. Fill us with Your liberating Spirit, that our souls might run, leap, and praise You, so that the entire world would know Your grace and truth. *(Silent Confession)*

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.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Doxology*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Old Irish Blessing*

Denes Agay

Ladies Ensemble

Diane Culver-Truby, Phyllis Ehrhardt, Pat Ihrle, Sue Mesler, Nancy Smith

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SERMON

*The Coming of the Lord*

Pastor Barksdale Pullen

\*HYMN #607

*Close to Thee*

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN #426

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

P. Rasmussen

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](http://www.fpcpunta.org/donate) for online options.

\*Please stand, if able

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER		
Prayer Focus		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.</li><li>Pray for those who serve in the military and their families.</li><li>Pray for First Responders and Healthcare Workers.</li><li>Pray for our church and ECO as we seek to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.</li><li>Pray for Lisa Alfonsi and Eric Stone &amp; family, missionaries that we support in Peru and Guatemala.</li><li>Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.</li><li>Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry in Port Charlotte.</li><li>Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.</li><li>Pray for Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries that we support in Nicaragua.</li></ul>		
Those Who Grieve		
Pray for the family of Kay Berner, whose mother went home to the Lord on January 31st.		
Pray for the family of Anna Hill, who went home to the Lord on January 17th.		
Those with Special Needs		
Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Dianne Sizemore
Ella Sifferd	Ron Sixt	Barb Harris
Irene Csontos	Tom Kerr	Phyllis Ehrhardt
Jean Humphreys	Jean LaMantia	Rick Berner
Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes		
Jean Hinman, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>		
Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>		
NOTES		
CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
PICTURE DIRECTORIES – Available in the church foyer.		
FLOWERS – The flowers today are given by Sharon Russell in loving memory of her husband Richard.		
ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Kenzie Mozelle Madison, new granddaughter of John and Gail Evans. Kenzie was born on January 23rd to Josh and Noella (Evans) Madison of Vincennes, Indiana.		
FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the <b>cost of \$37.50</b> . 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. <i>There are openings for February and March.</i>		

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES	
GATHER FOR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.</u> Please submit any prayer requests to <a href="mailto:first@fpcpunta.org">first@fpcpunta.org</a> .	
ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held <i>following our Worship Service today</i> . This is a short service of remembrance for those who passed away in 2020 from our church family and in memory of other loved ones. We will begin in the Sanctuary and move to the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden.	
SEASON OF LENT – Lent begins this Wednesday, February 17th. It is the season 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays), and has been used in the church as a season for personal reflection on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. To help you in this season we have a devotional book for each family – <i>Journey to the Cross</i> by Will Walker. Please pick one up in the church lobby.	
DEACON’S FUND – NEXT Sunday, February 21st, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.	
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – <i>this Tuesday, February 16th, 10-11:30am</i> at the church. The study is <i>If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat</i> by John Ortberg. All are welcome!	
DONUTS & DOCTRINE — Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Barksdale Pullen, meets on <i>Wednesday, February 17th, at 10:00am</i> both at the church and online. In February, we will look at the stories of familiar hymns and the lives of the Apostles. How did they carry out the Great Commission? In March and April, we will continue with the stories of familiar hymns and look at the Book of James. <i>Please join us in person or online.</i>	
GAME FELLOWSHIP – Join us on <i>Thursdays from 10am to Noon</i> in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.	
BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING MARCH 7TH – Your donations on Sunday, March 7th, will help provide warmth for victims of disasters and communities worldwide through Church World Service. Make a gift of love that will keep on giving throughout the year. <i>Make checks payable to FPC.</i>	
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)	
PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale’s prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at <a href="mailto:bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org">bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org</a> .	
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 ( <a href="http://www.fpcpunta.org">www.fpcpunta.org</a> ) by clicking the logo <i>vimeo livestream</i> .	

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## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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*February 14th thru February 21st*

**Sunday, February 14**

11:30am Valentine Memorial Service  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

**Monday, February 15**

1:00pm Session

**Tuesday, February 16**

10:00am Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 17**

10:00am Bible Study

**Thursday, February 18**

10:00am Game Fellowship

**Sunday, February 21**

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

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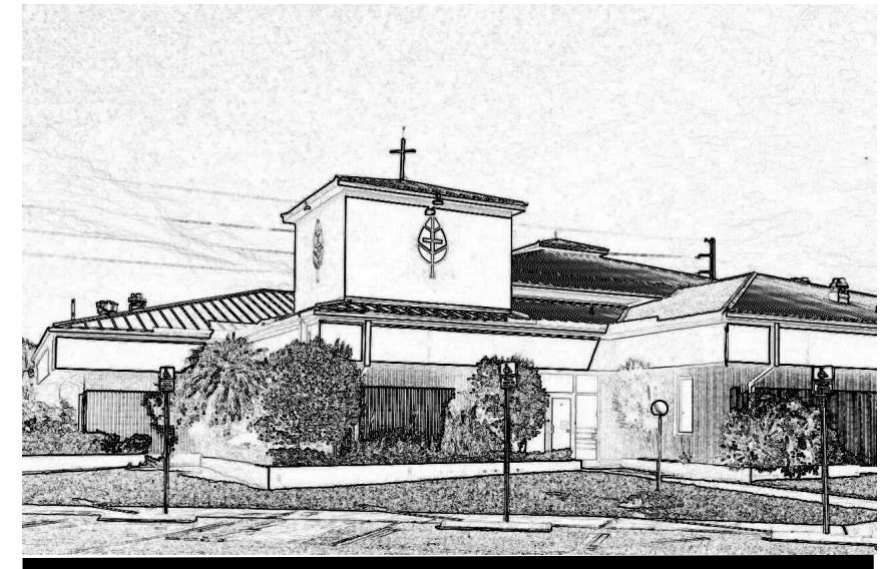
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## SERMON NOTES

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***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.*

**February 14, 2021**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR  
CHOIR DIRECTOR  
ORGANIST  
OFFICE MANAGER  
LITURGIST**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Joan Byron  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
Ernie Lehman