

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Michael Krentz

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

\*HYMN #583

*You Are My All in All*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Surely Goodness and Mercy*

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.*

SCRIPTURE

*1 Thessalonians 4:1-2*

SERMON

*A Pleasing Life*

Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN #460

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

COMMUNION

\*HYMN #343

*Amazing Grace*

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN #426

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

POSTLUDE

*Fughetta*

Zundel

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER		
<i>Prayer Focus</i>		
<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.

<i>Those with Special Needs</i>		
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, *The Palms of Punta Gorda* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

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*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 are given by Diane Culver in memory of John Culver.

*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 February and March.*

*2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES* – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don’t see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
<i>GATHER FOR PRAYER</i> – <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> .
<i>ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE</i> will be held <i>NEXT Sunday, February 14th at 11:30am</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.
<i>CALLED CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING</i> – <i>TODAY following the Worship Service</i> we will have our annual congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Ruling Elders (Gail Thornton and Bruce Peters), act on changes to the by-laws, and answer questions regarding the Annual Report. <i>Annual Reports/By-laws are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.</i>
<i>VALENTINE COOKIE OUTREACH</i> – Our church is planning a Valentine’s Cookie delivery for <i>FIRST RESPONDERS</i> on or near February 14th. <i>Thank you for bringing cookies today</i> , which will be boxed by the half dozen and delivered to the stations in Punta Gorda (Police, Fire, and Sheriff) for them to distribute to their deserving personnel.
<i>“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY TODAY</i> – <i>Thank you for your donations of soup and \$\$\$\$</i> which will be used for food for the hungry of Charlotte County.
<i>PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING</i> – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall <i>TOMORROW, Monday, February 8th at 10am</i> .
<i>DONUTS &amp; DOCTRINE</i> — Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Barksdale Pullen, meets on <i>Wednesday, February 10th, 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>
<i>GAME FELLOWSHIP</i> – Join us on <i>Thursdays from 10am to Noon</i> in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.
<i>MISSIONS SUPPORT</i> – 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Antioch Partners – Stone Family (Guatemala) or Lisa Alfonsi (Peru)</li><li>Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)</li><li>Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)</li><li>Misión Peniel (Immokalee)</li><li>Missionary Ventures (Chasen &amp; Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)</li></ul>

*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 ([www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org)) by clicking the logo *vimeo livestream*.

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## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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*February 7th thru February 14th*

**Sunday, February 7**

11:30am Called Congregational Annual Meeting  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

**Monday, February 8**

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

**Tuesday, February 9**

10:00am Mission Team

**Wednesday, February 10**

10:00am Bible Study

**Thursday, February 11**

10:00am Game Fellowship

**Sunday, February 14**

10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)  
11:30am Valentine Memorial Service  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

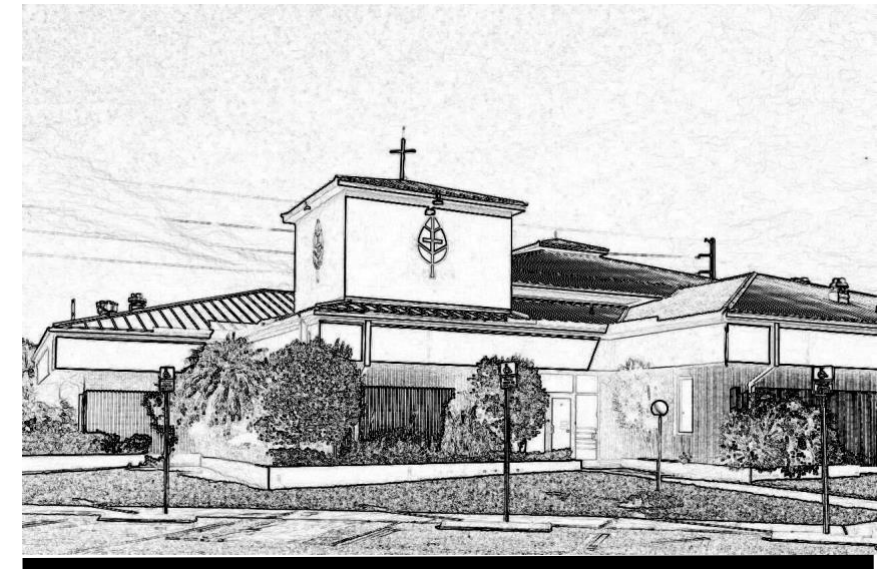
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## SERMON NOTES

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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 7, 2021**

**10:30am**

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