

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDEChapel BellsLouise E. Stars

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #562Be Thou My Vision

OLD TESTAMENT READINGProverbs 3:5-6

*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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSICFather, I Adore Youarr. Fred Bock

SCRIPTUREMatthew 13:1-23

SERMONParable of the SowerPastor Barksdale Pullen

*HYMN #45Crown Him with Many Crowns

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDEFestive TrumpetEdward H. Wetherhill

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 Who Grieve

Pray for the family of Margie Smith, whose husband Jerry went home to the Lord on May 6th.

Those with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

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 by Joan Hoffman in memory of George.

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 and July.*

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.

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

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!*

DONUTS & DOCTRINE — Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Barksdale Pullen, meets on *Wednesday, May 19th, 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.

FIRST RESPONDER COOKIE EVENT – Bring cookies to the church *NEXT 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.

JULY 4TH CONCERT – Join us on *Sunday, July 4th, at 3:00pm in our Sanctuary* for a special concert to celebrate the July 4th holiday. Our Chancel Choir, Bion Cantorum, and community members will present this program. Rehearsals are 7:00 – 8:30pm on Tuesday, June 1st and Mondays, June 7th, 21st, and 28th. All are welcome to sing with us! Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 for more information.

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 16th thru May 23rd

Sunday, May 16

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, May 17

1:00pm Session

Tuesday, May 18

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 19

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, May 20

10:00am Game Fellowship

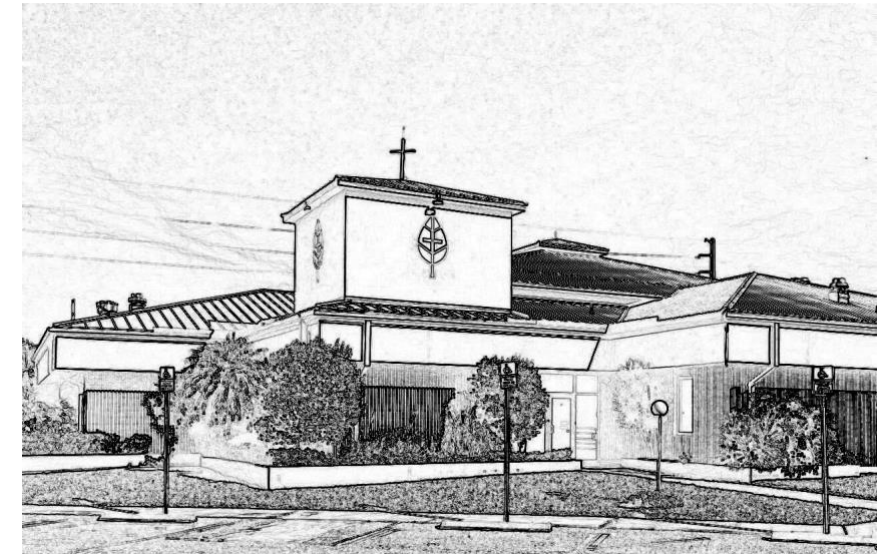
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 23

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.

May 16, 2021

10:30am

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