WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Nancy Smith

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hyfrodol* arr. Benton Price

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Gene & Barbara McPherson

*Second Candle symbolizes **peace** and is called "Angel's Candle"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

***HYMN #255** *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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** *Gloria Patri*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
arr. Marshall McDonald & Steven Nelson
Ann Alton, Cello

OFFERING

CASH & CHECKS - Offering plates are located in the back of the church. You are welcome to leave your tithe or offering and pledge card there as you leave the building today or mail it directly to the church office: 25250 Airport Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

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

SCRIPTURE *Luke 1:26-56*

MESSAGE *Mary - Interrupted* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION

***HYMN #277** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *There's A Song in The Air* arr. Dorothy Sells

*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 during the war against terrorism.
- 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 Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.
- Pray for the Veterans Village in Punta Gorda that we support.

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

Glee Miller, *Sandhill Gardens* Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*
Jean Hinman, *The Palms of Punta Gorda*

CELL PHONES – Please silence or turn off your mobile devices.
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer/website.
FLOWERS – The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THANK YOU to Ann Alton for her gift of music to our worship today.
***GATHER FOR PRAYER* – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online**. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

***PLEDGE CARD* –** If you haven't returned your pledge card for 2021, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

***YEAR-END GIVING* –** To make sure your giving for 2020 gets credited for 2020, please have your offering/gift to the church before December 31, 2020. Any donations received after that date will be applied to one's 2021 giving. For gifts of stock, please call the church office.

***CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA* –** Remember a loved one this Christmas by giving a poinsettia to help decorate the church. Suggested donation is $7 per poinsettia. Special envelopes for your poinsettia donations are on

the table in the back of the sanctuary. **Please return your envelope by December 14th** in order to be listed in a special bulletin insert.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES – Thursday, December 24th, 5:00PM and 7:00PM. The 5:00pm service will also be live streamed. Please register for the service you plan to attend in the church foyer or call the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING – This year's Christmas Offering will be given to Crossroads Hope Academy here in Punta Gorda.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE* - BIBLE STUDY –-** Pastor Barksdale's Bible Study meets ***this Wednesday, December 9th at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall (also online), studying the Book of Revelation. ***All are welcome!***

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations we support, 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 Misión Peniel
Veterans Village – Bin in Fellowship Hall for donated items
Furry Friends – Bin in Fellowship Hall for donated items

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale's prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at **bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org**.

STREAMING MINISTRY – Live stream our services on our website homepage (**www.fpcpunta.org**) by clicking the logo ***vimeo livestream***.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK
December 6th thru December 13th

Sunday, December 6	**Second Sunday of Advent**
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
Wednesday, December 9	
10:00am	Bible Study (Also Online)
Thursday, December 10	
10:00am	Games Fellowship
Sunday, December 13	**Third Sunday of Advent**
10:30am	Worship (Also Online)
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)

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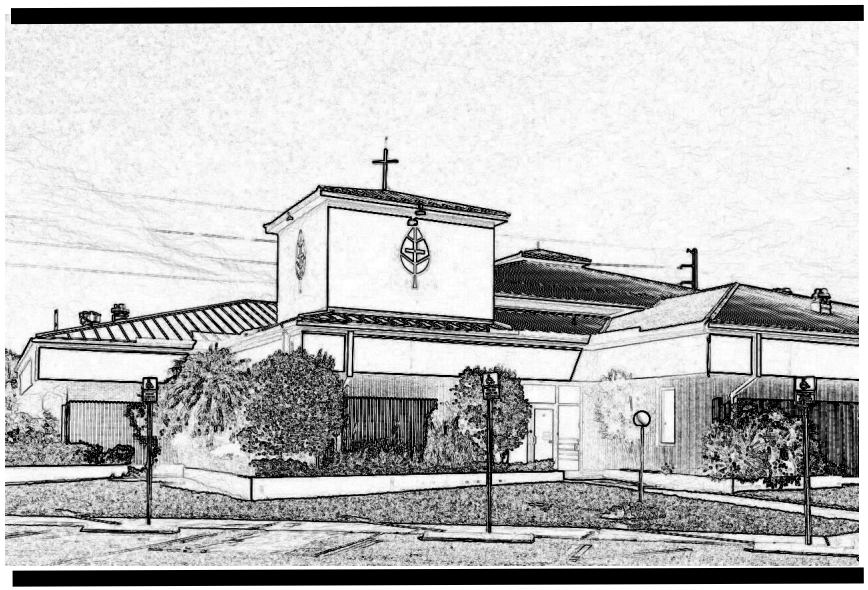

Loving…Growing…Going…in Jesus!

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020 **10:30am**

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE MANAGER	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Ernie Lehman