WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Nancy Smith

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hear Him, My Soul* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* Donald Moore
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #90** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

***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.

***GLORIA PATRI #813**

ANTHEM *Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You* Douglas E. Wagner
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art* Stuart K. Hine

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #684** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:31-44; 5:12-26

MESSAGE *Healing Miracles* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #676** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #232** *God Be with You, vs. 1*

POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible* Franklin Ritter

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth
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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Focus

- Pray for those who serve in the military and their families.
- Pray for First Responders and Healthcare Workers.
- Pray for our church as we seek to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi and Eric Stone family, missionaries we support in Peru and Guatemala.
- Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.
- Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County.
- Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Nicaragua.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Lynn Lang
Ella Sifferd	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Jack Rothley	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Royal Palm*

NOTES

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Kay Callahan to the Glory of God.

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.

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 (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.

PUNTA GORDA MURAL WALK – This Tuesday, October 26th – 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 9:30am***. We will walk and then end up at Harbor Scoops for a treat. Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer today. It is limited to twelve people. The next Mural Walk will be on Monday, November 8th.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – This Wednesday, October 27th at 10:00am – Our study is on the biblical books I and II Samuel. All are welcome (no sign up required).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, November 2nd, 10:00am-11:30am at the church. Our study is *Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season* by Melissa Spoelstra. For November we will study Lessons 3 and 4. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. ***All are welcome!***

SOCIABLE SINGLES – Friday, November 5th, 12:00pm – Join us for lunch at *LongHorn Steakhouse* in Port Charlotte. Please sign up in the church foyer.

WELCOME BACK COOKOUT – Wednesday, November 17th, 4:00pm – Old friends and new friends get together on Wednesday, November 17th from 4:00 – 5:00pm for a good ole homecoming cookout at The Pit. The church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, y'all bring the sides. Sign up in the church foyer.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING – In partnership with St. Vincent de Paul, donations for Charlotte County families ***will be collected from October 31st through November 21st***. Special envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary or in the church foyer. You may also use pew envelopes.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? – Simply go to our website at fpcpunta.org and look under the *Home* tab. There you will find all the information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC.

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

October 24th – October 31st

Sunday, October 24
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

Tuesday, October 26
9:30am Mural Walk in Punta Gorda
6:30pm Bion Cantorum Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 27
10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, October 28
10:00am Game Fellowship
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 31
10:15am Hymn Sing
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

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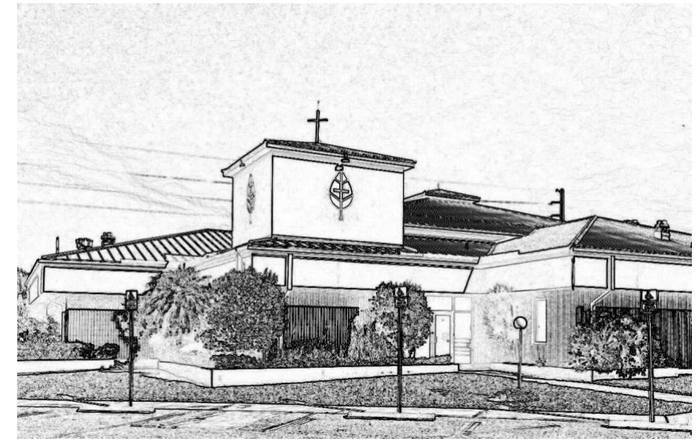
SERMON NOTES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Punta Gorda



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.

October 24, 2021 **10:30am**

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	John Evans
USHERS	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Kay Callahan, Patti MacDonald