

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Canzonetta Tchaikovsky, arr. Chesterton

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

\*HYMN #213 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

\*OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 4:1-3

\*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

OFFERTORY Great Is Thy Faithfulness Runyan, arr. Marilyn Ham

\*DOXOLOGY #815

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-32

SERMON Parable of the Mustard Seed Pastor Barksdale Pullen

\*HYMN #375 Jesus Shall Reign

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN #425 Bind Us Together

POSTLUDE Recessional Stanley E. Saxton

\*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth  
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #504324254

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	Tom Kerr
Ella Sifferd	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	Carol Kerr
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Jack Rothley	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

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

NOTES

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

CHURCH DIRECTORIES – We are updating our new church database and directory. If your contact information has changed, please call, or email the church office. We also would like birthday and anniversary information (No birth years will be posted in the directory!).

MILITARY PRAYER LIST FOR NEWSLETTER – Do you have a family member serving in the military? If so, we’d like to add them to the newsletter prayer list. Fill out the form that’s on the Mission table in the church foyer and place it in the HELMUT or let the church office know.

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

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

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Bev Brady in memory of Bill Brady.

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 in the church foyer.

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 – These daily devotionals are 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.

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**CHANCEL CHOIR** – Rehearsals resume on *Thursday, August 26th at 7pm* for returning and new choir members. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 for more information.

**SOCIABLE SINGLES** – *This Friday, August 20th, 12:00pm* – Join us for lunch at Luigi's in Port Charlotte. Please sign up in the church foyer.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Join us on Wednesday mornings, beginning September 8th at 10:00am for a new Bible Study on I and II Samuel.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY** – **September and October** – Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm for supper followed by watching Season 2 of the series *The Chosen* with discussion afterwards. Sign up in the church foyer or email the church office.

**JOIN US FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD** – as we celebrate the holiday season with Bill Johnson as Bob Hope and The Motown Girls singing your favorites of the 40's, 50's, and 60's. This patriotic USO style tribute show will surely warm your hearts for the holidays and gain an appreciation for our troops abroad! The church has a limited number of seats, so sign up in the church foyer or email the church office.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY** – Our Missions group is taking donations of socks and underwear to be given to Jesus Loves You Ministry, for the homeless of Charlotte County, *through August 22nd*. Sizes for men's boxers or briefs are medium/large. Women's sizes are 5 to 7. \$\$ donations will also be taken to purchase these items. Please make checks payable to FPC and list "socks" in the Memo line. ***Thank you for your help in supporting this mission!***

**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)

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## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK – AUGUST 15 – AUGUST 22

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<b><u>Sunday, August 15</u></b>	<b>Deacon's Fund Sunday</b>
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
<b><u>Monday, August 16</u></b>	
1:00pm	Session
<b><u>Thursday, August 19</u></b>	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
<b><u>Friday, August 20</u></b>	
12:00pm	Sociable Singles at Luigi's in Port Charlotte
<b><u>Sunday, August 22</u></b>	
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)



***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.*

**August 15, 2021**

**10:30am**

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<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Joan Byron
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Denny Ausman
<b>OFFICE MANAGER</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Ernie Lehman
<b>USHERS</b>	Kay Callahan, Jean LaMantia, Patti Nuznoff, Diane Truby

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