
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* James Mansfield

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #211** *Let There Be Praise*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

OFFERTORY *Thank You Lord* Benton Price

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thanks be to you, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #563** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

SCRIPTURE Romans 3:28; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-10

MESSAGE *Justification* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #151** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #672** *What a Mighty God We Serve (1 time)*

POSTLUDE *Postlude in Ancient Style* George Blake

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #505465757

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 and Clever Alfonsi, Eric and Debbie Stone, and Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Peru, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.
- 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 persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Rick Berner
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Dave Sifferd

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today to the Glory of God.

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORIES – Available in the church office.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for **\$37.50**. To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer, listing 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 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 – 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 **YouTube**.

FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following the Worship Service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. You may bring cookies / treats to share!

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	<u>September 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$27,849.59	\$220,637.61
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,664.80</u>	<u>\$196,955.41</u>
Net	\$6,184.79	\$ 23,682.20

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held **Sundays at 6pm online**.

Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

HURRICANE SEASON – As we are still in Florida's hurricane season we want to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, but you may join us online. Also, we have a text messaging system to notify folks if Services/Events are canceled. If you do not want to receive a text message, please notify the church office.

Please note: You cannot reply to these text messages.

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – A reminder that our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO's go-to resource for long-term disaster relief.

<https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services>

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – **Sunday, October 27th, 9:30am** – Join us for a one-class introduction to First Presbyterian Church. Sign up in the church foyer.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, October 30th at 10:00am** – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study "A Healthy Church" using I and II Timothy. *All are welcome!*

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – **Wednesday, October 30th at 11:30am**. Join us for lunch and a seminar on "End of Life Preparations". Sign up in the church foyer.

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE – **Thursday, October 31st at 4:00pm**. Sign up in the church foyer to sing in our Holiday Ensemble to work on music from *Love is Born*, by Lloyd Larson. **We will sing on November 17th, December 8th and 15th.** This will help prepare our congregation for Advent and Christmas and will welcome people interested in singing with others and sharing together.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, November 1st, 12:00pm** – Sign up for Cass Cay Restaurant at Burnt Store Marina in Punta Gorda.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, November 5th, 10:00am in Fellowship Hall** We are studying "Becoming A Woman of Beauty & Strength" (a book about *Esther*) by Elizabeth George. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. On November 5th we will study Lesson 17, Esther 7:1-10, "Pleading for Her People". Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, November 6th at 5:00pm**. Barksdale and Bo host get-together dinners at their home for groups of eight. Sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office to reserve a night. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

WELCOME BACK DINNER – **Wednesday, November 13th at 5:00pm**. Join us for a Potluck Dinner and Trivia night in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, November 15th** – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at **12:15pm**. *We need 12 people to sign up for these mission trips!* Sign up in the church foyer.

SERMON ON THE SAND – **Sunday, December 1st, at 8:00am**. This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on December 1st.

TWO PIANO GROUP CONCERT – **Sunday, December 1st, at 3:00pm** – Join us in our sanctuary for a Christmas Concert featuring the Two Piano Group.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS – Shower Ministry (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) – Please place “shower” items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2024 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)

STAND IN THE GAP FUND – The purpose of this fund is to assist supported missionaries and ministries of our church, when they face unexpected financial burdens. To donate to this fund, please mark your gift as SITG.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

October 27th – November 4th

Sunday, October 27

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| 9:30 am | Reformation Sunday |
| 10:15am | Membership Class |
| 10:30am | Hymn Sing |
| 11:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) |
| 6:00pm | Fellowship Time |
| | Prayer Meeting-FB |

Wednesday, October 30

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| 10:00am | Donuts & Doctrine |
| 10:00am | Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry |
| 11:30am | Lunch ‘n’ Learn |

Thursday, October 31

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| 10:00am | Game Fellowship |
| 4:00pm | Holiday Ensemble |

Friday, November 1

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| 12:00pm | Ladies Lunch Bunch |
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Sunday, November 4

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| 10:30am | Communion Sunday |
| 11:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) |
| 6:00pm | Fellowship Time |
| | Prayer Meeting-FB |

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SERMON NOTES

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Presbyterians, and other Protestant denominations, celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. The purpose of Luther’s call for reform came to be known as the Five Solas, Latin for slogans: sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), and Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone.) Luther sought to return the focus of faith back to the source of it ...Jesus.

Romans 3:28

For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Galatians 2:16

Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



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 27, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Bev Brady

Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte