
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Every Step of the Way* Gregg Sewell

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #771** *We'll Understand It Better By and By*

*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.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

OFFERTORY *A Voice of Calm* Dennis Eliot

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for You. Multiply them and use them to build Your church in this community. May they extend Your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of Your people. In His name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #633** *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

***HYMN #634** *More Love to Thee (vs. 1)*

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:4-7

MESSAGE *Love Your City* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #56** *To God Be the Glory*

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

POSTLUDE *Blessed Be the Lord God* Chester Nordman

*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 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 Who Grieve

Pray for the family of Marion Brown, who went home to the Lord on August 15th.

Those with Special Needs

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

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by George Fallenbeck in memory of Clare Fallenbeck.

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

SEPTEMBER 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>August 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$14,690.36	\$193,038.02
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$18,561.89</u>	<u>\$175,290.61</u>
Net	(\$3,871.53)	\$ 17,747.41

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>

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – Sign up in the church foyer to help with our Memorial Service receptions.

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE – As we all get a chance to look forward to the coming months, along with Pastor Barksdale and the Worship committee, we want to include some extra music during worship. We would like to form a Holiday Ensemble to present music in worship three times – once in November and twice in December with music from *Love is Born*, by Lloyd Larson. Rehearsals can begin on Thursday afternoons at 4:00pm for about one hour, beginning October 10th. This will help prepare our congregation for Advent and Christmas and will welcome people interested in singing with others and sharing together. We would like to have you be a part of this ensemble, so please sign up in the church foyer, or let Pastor Barksdale or Denny know if you would be able to join us in this part of our spiritual journey.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, September 25th at 10:00am* – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study II Peter. *All are welcome!*

THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 – *Wednesday, September 25th. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm*, followed by the seventh episode of The Chosen Series - Season 4. Sign up in the church foyer.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – *Monday, September 30th at 11:30am*. Join us for lunch and a seminar on "Scams Affecting Seniors". Sign up in the church foyer.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Resumes Tuesday, October 1st, 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 October 1st we will study Lesson 15, Esther 6:1-9, "Spending a Sleepless Night". Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, October 4th, 12:00pm* – Sign up for Bella Napoli Restaurant in Port Charlotte.

SERMON ON THE SAND – *Sunday, October 13th, at 8:00am*. This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on October 13th.

BURGERS FOR BADGES – *Monday, October 21st, from 11:00am – 1:00pm*. Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign up in the church foyer to bring cookies or desserts.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, October 25th* – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at *12:15pm*. Sign up in the church foyer.

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.

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

September 22nd – September 29th

Sunday, September 22

- 10:15am Hymn Sing
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

Wednesday, September 25

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
- 5:00pm Dinner and “The Chosen”

Thursday, September 26

- 10:00am Game Fellowship

Sunday, September 29

- 10:15am Hymn Festival
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Jeremiah 29:4-7

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”



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.

September 22, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR
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Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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