
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Blended Christian Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus, Dear Savior* Rex Koury

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #793** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, You have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let Your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. (*Silent Confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

MISSION'S MOMENT Jeff Schumacher from Ground-Up Ministries

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Chimes of Westminster* Mary Elizabeth Dexter

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, as You have shared life and love with us, lead us to share even more generously our lives and our love. May we know that as we give and share, others come to know You in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to You so that through Your church we might be helpful and generous in love to a world in great need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #624** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 2

MESSAGE *Election Season* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION AND COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

***HYMN #431** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

POSTLUDE *Sicilian Mariners Hymn* Benton Price

*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 Misi3n 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.

NOVEMBER 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

	September 2024	Year-to-Date
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>

CHURCH LIBRARY – If you would like to oversee the care of our Library, please contact Kathy Belville for more information. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING – This year we will again support St. Vincent de Paul through a "Thanksgiving Meals Project". Please consider making a financial donation and use the Special Gifting envelopes on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church foyer. Return envelopes by November 24th.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

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!

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, November 6th 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!*

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.

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE – Thursday, November 7th 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.

CHURCH WORK DAY – Saturday, November 9th from 8:00am – 11:00am. Sign up to help us complete some work inside and outside our church. Thank you!

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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, November 15th, 12:00pm – Sign up for Wally's BBQ in Port Charlotte.

MISI3N 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, November 17th -- Following the Worship Service, we will have a brief meeting to elect the 2025 Nominating Committee and answer questions concerning the 2025 budget.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Saturday, November 30th at 9:00am – Come and help decorate our Church for Christmas. 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.

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

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – Tuesday, December 3rd at 12:00pm. Join us for lunch and a seminar on "Wills & Trusts". 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

November 3rd – November 10th

Sunday, November 3

10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Communion Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, November 4

1:00pm

Worship Team

Tuesday, November 5

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, November 6

10:00am
10:00am
1:00pm
5:00pm

Donuts & Doctrine
Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Fellowship Team
Pullen Up a Chair

Thursday, November 7

10:00am
4:00pm

Game Fellowship
Holiday Ensemble

Saturday, November 9

8:00am

Church Work Day

Sunday, November 10

10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Psalm 2

¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
³ “Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”
⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.
⁵ He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
⁶ “I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.”
⁷ I will proclaim the Lord’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have become your father.
⁸ Ask me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.
¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry
and your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



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.

November 3, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR
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OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
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Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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