
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Nancy Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *For All the Blessings of the Year* David H. Hegarty

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 100 (ESV)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #790** *We Gather Together*

*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 *Air* Ludwig van Beethoven

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, these gifts we bring are our expression of our thanks for who You are and what You mean to us. As we present them to You, we also commit ourselves to love and serve You with grateful hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***HYMN #344** *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 95

MESSAGE *Worship* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #361** *Worship Christ, the Risen King*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Sing Ye With Gladness* 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 George Albright, whose wife Sharon went home to the Lord on November 3rd. The Celebration of Life Service in our Sanctuary is being planned.

Pray for the family of Myles MacDonald who went home to the Lord on November 3rd. Myles was a retired Pastor, who preached here from time to time.

Those with Special Needs

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

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Bruce Peters in memory of Myrna Peters.

ROSES – The roses on the organ are in celebration of the births of two great grandsons of Sonia and William (Bill) Dossé. Conrad Mark Walter was born on September 14th and Sullivan James West was born on October 26th.

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

| | <u>October 2024</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$15,859.44 | \$236,497.05 |
| Cash Expenditures | <u>\$20,482.83</u> | <u>\$217,438.24</u> |
| Net | (\$4,623.39) | \$ 19,058.81 |

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

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, November 13th 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!*

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.

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE – Thursday, November 14th at 4:00pm. Sign up in the church foyer to sing in our Holiday Ensemble to work on music from "A New and Glorious Morn", 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 15th, 12:00pm – Sign up for Wally's BBQ in Port Charlotte.

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.

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. **Pledge Sunday is November 24th.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, November 19th, 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 19th we will study Lesson 18, Esther 8:1-8, "Looking Out for Others". Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Worship Service on Sunday, November 24th* – We welcome Christian Singer / Songwriter Stephanie Staples as our Worship Leader. Stephanie will provide Pre-Service music at 10:15am and during the service. Stephanie will be joined by her husband Erik Rostad on violin. Erik and Stephanie are the son and daughter-in-law of Debbie and Pete Rostad. They live in Franklin, TN with their daughters Scotlyn and Lilia. Stephanie's website is stephaniestaples.com.

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 – This concert is being rescheduled for Spring 2025.

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 10th – November 17th

Sunday, November 10

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

Monday, November 11

VETERANS DAY

Wednesday, November 13

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
- 5:00pm Welcome Back Dinner

Thursday, November 14

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

Friday, November 15

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch
- 12:15pm Mission Trip to Immokalee

Sunday, November 17

- Deacon’s Fund Sunday**
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 - 11:30am Fellowship Time
 - 6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
"Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said,
'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'
So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'



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 10, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
John Evans
Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte