
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Lord is My Shepherd* Don Wyrzten
Nancy Smith, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *O Worship the Lord (Psalm 96)* Robert McCutchen
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #128** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*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

ANTHEM *This is My Song* Lloyd Stone / Jan Sibelius
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *In His Holy Presence* Walter R. Clarke

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let the gift of grace, which has been so lavishly given to us, touch our hearts as we give of our gifts. May the needs of others become our needs: their poverty, our poverty; their hunger, our hunger; their longings for a better life, our longings. May we always give in gratitude for the abundance of grace that is ours through the gift of the life of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #705** *It Is Well with My Soul*

SCRIPTURE Acts 25-26

MESSAGE *Before King Agrippa* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

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

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** *God Be with You till We Meet Again* Rankin/Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Tom Birchwood

*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 Alfonsi, Eric Stone family, 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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown - *Life Care, Punta Gorda*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Barbara Floyd in honor of her parent's anniversary (John and Ada Bowser).

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

JUNE 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>April 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$16,136.71	\$90,636.30
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$22,455.08</u>	<u>\$92,650.98</u>
Net	(\$6,318.37)	(\$2,014.68)

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 – We are nearing the beginning of hurricane season and wanted 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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, May 29th at 10:00am* -- We will finish our study on the *Psalms – Prayers of the Heart*. We will not meet on June 5th but will resume on June 12th. This summer we will study selected Bible passages and discuss what God is teaching us. *All are welcome!*

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, May 31st* – we will help at the Mission in the morning. Please meet at the church at 9:15am, leaving at 9:30am. *We need 5-6 people to go*, so please sign up in the church foyer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – A Memorial Service for former member Fran Koon will be held in our Sanctuary on *Friday, May 31st, at 11:00am*. A Burial Service will follow at the National Cemetery in Sarasota at 2:30pm.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, June 7th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Beef 'O' Bradys in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 – *Wednesday, June 12th*. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm, followed by the first episode of The Chosen Series - Season 4. Sign up in the church foyer.

SERMON ON THE SAND – *Sunday, June 30th at 8:00am*. Sermon on the Sand is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale will deliver the Message on June 30th.

LUNCH 'n' LEARN – *Wednesday, July 31st, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch and a seminar about Hurricane Preparedness.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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>

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

May 26th to June 2nd

Sunday, May 26

10:15am

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Memorial Day Weekend

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, May 27

MEMORIAL DAY

Office Closed

Wednesday, May 29

10:00am

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, May 30

10:00am

Game Fellowship

Friday, May 31

9:15am

11:00am

Mission Trip to Immokalee

Memorial Service for Fran Koon

Sunday, June 2

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Communion Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Acts 25-26



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.

May 26, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

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Joan Byron

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