
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymns Remembered

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Gregg Sewell

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP #646 Philippians 4:4-7, 9 (NIV)

Worship Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Everyone: Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Worship Leader: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Everyone: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Worship Leader: Whatever you have learned or received from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.

Everyone: And the God of peace will be with you.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #444** *I Love to Tell the Story*

***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 *Prayer* Sylvia Riggs

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

SCRIPTURE Romans 11:33-36

MESSAGE *Doxology* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #347** *And Can It Be?*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #630** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
(Verse 1, 1st two lines)

POSTLUDE *The Power and The Glory* 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 Ground Up Ministries, a ministry for human trafficking in Florida.
- 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 Ramona Douglas and family, whose husband John went home to the Lord on January 19th.

Those with Special Needs

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

NOTES

PRAYER QUOTE – “If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith.” – Charles Spurgeon

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Marguerite O’Brien in memory of her husband, John J. O’Brien.

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

FEBRUARY 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

	January 2025	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$23,747.26	\$23,747.26
Cash Expenditures	\$22,953.24	\$22,953.24
Net	\$ 794.02	\$ 794.02

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

CHORAL ENSEMBLE – You are invited to join with others singing a song in Worship on February 16th and March 16th as part of our music ministry. We will rehearse on Thursdays, February 6th and 13th at 3:30pm. Come join in the fun shared through music.

DEACON'S FUND – *NEXT Sunday, February 16th*, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL / CORPORATION MEETING – TODAY following the Worship Service. Please plan to attend. Annual reports are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church foyer.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall *Monday, February 10th at 10am.*

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, February 12th at 10:00am* – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study “Growth in Godliness”, using the New Testament book of “Titus”. *All are welcome!*

VALENTINE'S DAY POTLUCK DINNER – *Wednesday, February 12th, 5:00pm* – Sign up in the church foyer for dinner followed by a movie.

ANNUAL VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE – *Sunday, February 16th at 11:30am.* This is a short service of remembrance for those who passed away in 2024 from our church family and in memory of other loved ones. We will begin in the Sanctuary and move to the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, February 18th, 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 February 18th we study Lesson 23, *Esther* 9:20-28, “Remembering to Remember”. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for information – All are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, February 21st, 12:00pm* – Sign up for Donato’s Restaurant in Port Charlotte.

LUNCH ‘N’ LEARN – *Wednesday, February 26th at 12:00pm.* Join us for lunch and a seminar on “End of Life Preparations”. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, February 28th* – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Meet at the church at *12:15pm.* *We need 12 people for these mission trips!* Sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, March 5th 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.

ANNUAL SOUTHERN SUPPER – *Saturday, March 8th, at 5:00pm* - FPC is one of the 2024 honorees for the Punta Gorda History Hall of Honor to be inducted at the 9th Annual Southern Supper. The event will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm, Tickets are \$60. To purchase tickets, go to <https://puntagordahistorycenter.blogspot.com/>

SERMON ON THE SAND – *Sunday, March 9th, at 8:00am.* This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen’s Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on March 9th.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2025 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)
- Ground Up Ministries (Cape Coral)
- 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

February 9th – February 16th

Sunday, February 9

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

Monday, February 10

- 10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, February 11

- 10:00am Mission Team

Wednesday, February 12

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
- 5:00pm Valentine’s Day Dinner and Movie

Thursday, February 13

- 10:00am Game Fellowship
- 3:30pm Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, February 16th

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

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SERMON NOTES

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!
“Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?”
“Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?”
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.



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.

February 9, 2025

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Kathy Belville
USHERS	Sam Cessna, Sharon Fant, Susie Lorenz, Don Willecke
AV TECH	George Fallenbeck, Gene McPherson, Jim Nuznoff