
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Festival
James McDuffy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*
William Bradbury, arr. Larry Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #143** *This Is My Father's World*

*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 *It Is Well with My Soul*
James McDuffy, Soloist

*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 #712** *Be Still, My Soul*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:25-34

MESSAGE *Fear Mongering* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #571** *Trust and Obey*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* David H. Hegarty

*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 Jean LaMantia, whose daughter Diane Regan, went home to the Lord on September 20th. The Visitation and Celebration of Life Service will be Monday, October 7th, from 10:00am-12:00pm at Charlotte Memorial Gardens in Punta Gorda.

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

GUEST PREACHER AND MUSICIAN – Welcome to Pastor Steve Mock and James McDuffy for sharing in our worship service today.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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

OCTOBER 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>
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 – **November 17th, December 8th and 15th**, with music from **Love is Born**, by Lloyd Larson. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, October 10th at 4:00pm for about one hour. 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

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – *Tomorrow, 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 – *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.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Resumes Wednesday, October 9th at 10:00am* – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we begin a new study on "A Healthy Church", using I and II Timothy. *All are welcome!*

THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 – *Wednesday, October 9th. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm*, followed by the seventh episode of The Chosen Series – Season 4. Sign up in the church foyer.

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 First Responders 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.

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.
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.

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 29th – October 6th

Sunday, September 29

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

Monday, September 30

- 11:30am Lunch ‘n’ Learn

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:00am Women’s Bible Study
- 1:00pm Fellowship Team

Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, October 3

- 10:00am Game Fellowship

Friday, October 4

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, October 6

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

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SERMON NOTES

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



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 29, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Sam Cessna
USHERS	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Marjorie Haun, Linda Wagar