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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Classical Music

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee* arr. Sarah Douglas

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**\*HYMN #33** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### \*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** *Consecration* Brian Glyncannon

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thanks be to you, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

**SCRIPTURE** 1 John 1:5-9

**MESSAGE** *Repentance* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

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

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #669** *Make Me a Servant*

**POSTLUDE** *Take My Life* Benton Price

\*Please stand, if able

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## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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### *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 with Special Needs*

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

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## NOTES

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**PRAYER QUOTE** – “You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.” – John Bunyan

**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given today by Ramona Vazquez in loving memory of her husband.

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

**MARCH NEWSLETTER** – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – 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](mailto: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](http://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>February 2025</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$24,036.42	\$47,783.68
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,256.20</u>	<u>\$46,209.44</u>
Net	\$ 780.22	\$ 1,574.24

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**GATHER FOR PRAYER** – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online. Please submit any prayer requests to [first@fpcpunta.org](mailto:first@fpcpunta.org).

**CHORAL ENSEMBLE** – *Sunday, March 16th* – We will rehearse on Thursday, March 13th at 3:30pm. Come join in the fun shared through music.

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

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall *Monday, March 10th at 10:00am*.

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – *Wednesday, March 12th at 10:00am* – Join us on Wednesday mornings as we begin a new study on the “*History of the Early Church – Christ, Characters & Confessions*”. *All are welcome!*

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – *Tuesday, March 18th, 10:00am in Fellowship Hall.* We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. On March 18th we will do Lesson 24, Esther 9:29-32, “Sending Out the Word”. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – *All are welcome!*

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** – *Wednesday, March 19th, at 5:00pm.* Join us for our St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Suggested Donation is \$7.00. Sign up in the church foyer.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, March 21st, 12:00pm* – Sign up in the church foyer for Pita & Puff in Port Charlotte.

**MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, March 28th* – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Meet at the church at *12:00pm*. *We need 12 people for these mission trips!* Sign up in the church foyer.

**PEACE RIVER GARDENS TOUR** – *Tuesday, April 8th at 9:00am*. Plan to meet us at Peace River Gardens. Cost is \$15.00. Sign up in the church foyer.

**SERMON ON THE SAND** – *Sunday, April 20th, at 8:00am*. This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on April 20th.

**BURGERS FOR BADGES** – *Monday, April 21st, from 11:00am – 1:00pm*. Help us show our appreciation to our local and retired First Responders as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign up in the church foyer to bring cookies or desserts. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as “B4B”.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS** – *Sunday, April 27th at Noon*. If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, *please join us for lunch and a one class introduction to FPC.* (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – *Wednesday, May 7th 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 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.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**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.

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**March 9th – March 16th**

**Sunday, March 9**  
8:00am First Sunday in Lent  
10:30am Sermon on the Sand  
11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)  
6:00pm Fellowship Time  
Prayer Meeting-FB

**Monday, March 10**  
10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

**Tuesday, March 11**  
10:00am Mission Team

**Wednesday, March 12**  
10:00am Donuts & Doctrine  
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

**Thursday, March 13**  
10:00am Game Fellowship  
3:30pm Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 16**  
10:30am Second Sunday in Lent  
11:30am Deacon’s Fund Sunday  
6:00pm Worship Service (Also Online)  
Fellowship Time  
Prayer Meeting-FB

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Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**1 John 1:5-9**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



***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.*

**March 9, 2025**

**10:30am**

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<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Denny Ausman
<b>OFFICE &amp; WORSHIP ADMIN</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Sam Cessna
<b>USHERS</b>	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Linda Wagar, Don Willecke
<b>AV TECH</b>	George Fallenbeck, Gene McPherson, Jim Nuznoff