
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Meditation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #503** *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful Savior, we confess that in the heat of the moment, we allow our tempers, our impatience and our selfishness to overcome the heart of goodness and compassion You have created within us. We respond in ways that hurt one another and do not honor You. We confess that though we long to have the mind of Christ and to respond in all situations as He has modeled for us, we sometimes fail. We are short-sighted, forgetful and fearful. We ask for Your forgiveness, Lord. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and the love of all humankind. *(Silent Confession)*

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Thy Will Be Done* Edward Broughton

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You have blessed us with every good gift, generous God. Our hearts overflow with joy and love for the privilege of walking with You and being called Your own. Receive these gifts, we pray, as our faithful and grateful response to Your gifts of grace and mercy in our lives. Amen.

***HYMN #488** *Just as I Am*

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 4:10-12

MESSAGE *What is Stewardship* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION AND COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER *(debt/debtors)*

***HYMN #406** *Wonderful Words of Life*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #672** *What a Mighty God We Serve (1 time)*

POSTLUDE *March from "Scipio"* Handel, arr. George Blake

*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 Misi3n 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.

Those with Special Needs

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

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary.

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

	August 2024	Year-to-Date
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>

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

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.

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE – *Thursday, October 10th at 4:00pm*. Sign up in the church foyer to sing in our Holiday Ensemble to work on music from *Love is Born*, 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.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, October 15th, 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 15th we will study Lesson 16, Esther 6:10-14, "Turning the Heart of a King". Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, October 18th, 12:00pm* – Sign up for Donato's Restaurant in Port Charlotte.

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.

MISI3N 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.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – *Wednesday, October 30th at 11:30am*. Join us for lunch and a seminar on "End of Life Preparations". 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

October 6th – October 13th

Sunday, October 6	Communion Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB
Monday, October 7	
1:00pm	Worship Team
Tuesday, October 8	
10:00am	Mission Team
Wednesday, October 9	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
5:00pm	Dinner and The Chosen Video
Thursday, October 10	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
4:00pm	Holiday Ensemble
Sunday, October 13	
8:00am	Sermon on the Sand
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SERMON NOTES

1 Peter 4:10-12

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. 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.

October 6, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	John Evans
USHERS	Merrilyn Ellison, Marjorie Haun, Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna