

WORSHIP SERVICE – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN #259

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL MUSIC

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY - \*\*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

COMMUNION AND HYMN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

\*HYMN #277

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #243

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand, if able

Christian Gospel

Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus

P. Ambrose, arr. B. Price

Gail Thornton and Bruce Peters

Second Candle symbolizes *Peace* and is called the “Bethlehem Candle”

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

O Holy Night

Alphonse Adam

Sue Mesler, Flute; Denny Ausman, Piano

A Quiet Prayer

Franklin Ritter

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Matthew 1:1-17

Hope – Promise Keeping God

Pastor Barksdale Pullen

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.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

(debts/debtors)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Emmanuel

Lani Smith

A Joyous Acclamation

Ministry of Prayer		
Prayer Focus		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pray for those who serve in the military and their families.</li><li>Pray for First Responders and Healthcare Workers.</li><li>Pray for our church as we seek to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.</li><li>Pray for Lisa and Clever Alfonsi, Eric and Debbie Stone, and Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Peru, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.</li><li>Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.</li><li>Pray for Ground Up Ministries, a ministry for human trafficking in Florida.</li><li>Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County.</li><li>Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.</li><li>Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.</li></ul>		
Those with Special Needs		
Rachel Pfaender	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Rick Berner
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Dave Sifferd
Notes		
Prayer Quote – “The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, ‘O God, forgive me,’ or ‘Help me.’” – Billy Graham		
Prayer Email List – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale’s prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at <a href="mailto:bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org">bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org</a> .		
Prayer Requests – Email your praise or petition to <a href="mailto:first@fpcpunta.org">first@fpcpunta.org</a> . Indicate if your prayer is for the Pastor only, church email prayer list, or prayer team on Sundays – or all of the above.		
Flowers – The flowers are given today by Barbara Floyd in honor of her family.		
Cell Phones – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
December Newsletter – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
Church Directories – Available in the church office.		
Flowers – May be sponsored for <u>\$37.50</u> . 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.		
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 ( <a href="http://fpcpunta.org">fpcpunta.org</a> ) by clicking the logo <i>YouTube</i> .		
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		
	October 2025	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$22,460.15	\$205,579.57
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,262.35</u>	<u>\$218,309.09</u>
Net	\$1,197.80	(\$12,729.52)

Ministry Opportunities and Notes	
Gather for Prayer – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm (FaceBook online). Please submit any prayer requests to <a href="mailto:first@fpcpunta.org">first@fpcpunta.org</a> .	
Misión Peniel – Our next trip to Immokalee is <i>Friday, December 19th, 12:00pm</i> Please meet at our church. We need 12 people to sign up.	
Advent Devotionals – Advent Devotionals are available in the church foyer. Please take one for your family for daily reflections on the reason for the season.	
Christmas Offering – This year’s Christmas Offering will be divided between	
1. Gift Cards for Veterans Village	
2. Missionaries	
Eric and Debbie Stone (Guatemala)	
Lisa and Clever Alfonsi (Peru)	
Chasen and Katie Brokaw (Nicaragua)	
Please use your Christmas or Special Gifting envelopes (located on the back table or in the church foyer) and return by December 24th.	
Christmas Poinsettia – Remember a loved one this Christmas by giving a poinsettia to help decorate the church. Suggested donation is \$7 per poinsettia. Special envelopes are available on the table in the ack of the Sanctuary or in the church foyer Please return your envelope by <u>Monday, December 15th</u> in order to be listed in a special bulletin insert.	
Pledge Card – If you haven’t returned your pledge card for 2026, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards and Narrative Budgets are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church foyer. Thank you.	
Year-End Giving – To make sure your giving for 2025 gets credited for 2025, please have your offering/gift to the church by December 31, 2025. Any donations received after that date will be applied to one’s 2026 giving. For gifts of stock, please call the church office.	
2026 Offering Envelopes – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don’t see your name, let the office know. Thank you.	
Activities / Events	
Prayer Shawl Gathering – Monday, December 8th, at 10:00am. Join us in Fellowship Hall as we create beautiful prayer shawls.	
Donuts & Doctrine – Wednesday, December 10th, at 10:00am – Join us as we explore the origins and traditions of Christmas. Why do we have a Christmas tree? Why December 25? Why Christmas caroling? What’s up with Eggnog? When did the church start celebrating Advent? Why do we give presents? We will also share some of your family traditions and maybe add some new ones to your Christmas season. Join us in Fellowship Hall.	
Christmas Dinner and Movie – Wednesday, December 10th, 5:00pm – Sign up for our annual Christmas Dinner. Ham will be the main dish and you can provide side dishes. The movie is “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”.	
Ladies Cards Fellowship – Thursday, December 11th, at 10:00am --- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.	
Women’s Bible Study – Tuesday, December 16th, 10:00am – We are studying “Keep It Shut” by Karen Ehman. Lesson 5 (Chapters 9 & 10 in Book) “Pause Before You Pounce: On Cultivating Soft Speech”. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies welcome!	
Ladies Lunch Bunch – Friday, December 19th, 11:30am – Sign up for Carrabba’s Restaurant in Port Charlotte.	
Grounds Crew – If you want to be part of the team taking care of the church grounds in 2026, please sign up in the church foyer or see Sam Cessna.	

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – 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 SHOWER MINISTRY – (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) – Please place “shower” items on the table in 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

December 7 – December 14

Sunday, December 7  
10:30am  
11:30am  
6:00pm  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday  
Worship Service (Also Online)  
Fellowship Time  
Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, December 8  
10:00am  
Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, December 9  
10:00am  
Mission Team

Wednesday, December 10  
10:00am  
10:00am  
5:00pm  
Donuts & Doctrine  
Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry  
Christmas Dinner and Movie

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(and by appointment)

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 1:1-17 (ESV) “The Genealogy of Jesus Christ”

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.



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 as we lift our hearts and voices in praise.

We are glad to welcome each guest and friend, and that you have chosen to worship God with this congregation.

December 7, 2025 10:30am

PASTOR Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
ORGANIST Denny Ausman  
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN Debbie Rostad  
LITURGIST Kathy Belville  
USHERS Bev Brady, Lilita Bush, Marjorie Haun, Billie Sixt  
A/V TECH George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson