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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Country Music

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *God Will Take Care of You* arr. Albin C. Whitworth

**CALL TO WORSHIP****PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN #342** *Rock of Ages*

**\*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** (*debts/debtors*)

**OFFERTORY - \*\*** *Jesus Loves Me* arr. David Paxton

**\*DOXOLOGY****\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we have given to You what is Yours. You entrust us with so much abundance; accept what we offer to You now as signs of our love for You and our desire to serve You. You alone are Lord of our lives. It is already so; make it so even more for us, day by day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN #688** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 2:11-22

**MESSAGE** *Reconciled Through Christ* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #121** *How Majestic Is Your Name*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #425** *Bind Us Together*

**POSTLUDE** *Thine is The Glory* arr. Lani Smith

\*Please stand, if able

\*\*You may give securely online at [www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org)

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth  
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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**

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

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**NOTES**

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**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).

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Email your praise or petition to [first@fpcpunta.org](mailto:first@fpcpunta.org). 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 Pat Ihrle in memory of Jean LaMantia.

**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.

**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**

|                    | January 2026       | Year-to-Date       |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$22,501.19        | \$22,501.19        |
| Cash Expenditures  | <u>\$21,249.24</u> | <u>\$21,249.24</u> |
| Net                | \$1,251.95         | \$1,251.95         |

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**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES**

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

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL COLLECTION** – Jesus Loves You Ministry is collecting Men's & Women's (New or good condition) — tennis shoes, shoes, jeans or cargo pants, new underwear. Tarps, sleeping bags, bed rolls, tents. So, here's an opportunity to clear out your closets. Just bring these items to church and our Mission Team will deliver them.

**SERMON ON THE SAND** – Pastor Barksdale delivers the message the next two **Sundays, February 15th and February 22nd at 8:00am at Fishermen's Village.**

**MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, February 20th, 9:15am**. Please meet at our church. We need 6 people to sign up in the church foyer.

**NEED A CHAIR?** We have some extra folding chairs (like in the Fellowship Hall) that we store in the garage. If you would like some, they will be available after the Service today. What's left will be donated.

**STAINED GLASS** - We are raising funds (\$1,000) for the supplies for two stained glass windows for our Sanctuary crafted by our very own Rick Berner. Mockups of the windows are in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark Glass in the memo line of your check. Thank you!

**ACTIVITIES / EVENTS**

**GROUNDS CREW** – ***We will meet today following the Service in the Choir Room.***

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – **Wednesday, February 11th, at 10:00am** – Join us as we journey through Paul's powerful letter to the Galatians! This study will explore the heart of Christian freedom, the grace of God through faith, and what it means to live by the Spirit rather than the law. Together, we'll unpack the historical context, key theological themes, and practical lessons that speak directly to our lives today. Everyone is welcome.

**VALENTINE SUPPER & MOVIE** – **Wednesday, February 11th, 5:00pm** – Sign up for a Potluck Supper and watch a movie to celebrate Valentine's Day.

**LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP** – **Thursday, February 12th, at 10:00am** -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

**VALENTINES MEMORIAL SERVICE** – **Sunday, February 15th, 11:30am**. This is a short service of remembrance for those who passed away in 2025 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 17th, at 10:00am** – Our study is: "Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight" by Jennifer Rothschild. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome! See Kathy Belville for more information.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** – **Wednesday, February 18th, Noon.**

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – **Friday, February 20th, 11:30am** – Sign up for Laishley's Crab House.

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING** – Please plan to attend on **Sunday, February 22nd, 11:30am**. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Annual Report and elect elders for the Class of 2028.

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – **Wednesday, March 4th, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will host get-together dinners for groups of eight at their home. There is no agenda, lesson, or study, just a time to get together for fellowship. Sign up in the church foyer or call/email the church office.

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**MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**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.

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**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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**February 8 – February 15**

**Sunday, February 8**

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

**Monday, February 9**

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

**Tuesday, February 10**

10:00am Mission Team

**Wednesday, February 11**

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine  
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry  
5:00pm Valentine Potluck and Dinner

**Thursday, February 12**

10:00am Ladies Cards Fellowship

**Sunday, February 15**

8:00am **Deacon’s Fund Sunday**  
Sermon on the Sand  
10:30am **Worship Service (Also Online)**  
11:30am Valentine Memorial Service  
11:30am Fellowship Time  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

**First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda**  
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Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday  
(and by appointment)

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**SERMON NOTES**

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**Ephesians 2:11-22**

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.



***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.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** (details to follow)

- February 18th – Ash Wednesday Service, Noon
- March 4th – Pullen Up A Chair, 5:00pm
- March 8th – Daylight Savings Time
- March 11th - St. Patrick's Dinner, 5:00pm
- March 25th – Lunch ‘n’ Learn – Latest Senior Scams, Noon
- March 29th to April 12th – St. Vincent Food Drive
- March 29th – Palm Sunday
- April 2nd – Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm
- April 3rd – Good Friday Service, Noon
- April 5th – Easter Sunday
- April 6th – Peace River Botanical Gardens Outing, 10:00am
- April 20th - Burgers For Badges, 11:00am – 1:00pm
- May 10th – Mother’s Day
- June 17th – Church Picnic at Ponce de Leon Park, 5:00pm
- June 21st – Father’s Day
- July 15th – Christmas in July Supper & Movie, 5:00pm

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**February 8, 2026**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**  
**ORGANIST**  
**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**  
**A/V TECH**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
Denny Ausman  
Debbie Rostad  
Sam Cessna  
Roy Belville, Donna DeBree, Pete DeBree, Susie Lorenz  
George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson