
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Festival – The Psalms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies* Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #90** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*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 Glynn Cannon

*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 #184** *Thy Word*

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 6:16

MESSAGE *Ancient Ways* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #151** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs. 1,2,4)*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #232** *God Be with You (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE *Great Is The Lord* Donald Lee Moore

*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 those who are recovering from Hurricane Ian.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi, Eric Stone family, 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

Please pray for DeAnn Lehman and family, whose husband Ernie went home to the Lord on July 20th. A Memorial Service will be held following the Worship Service at 11:30am on Sunday, July 30th, in the Sanctuary, followed by a Reception in Fellowship Hall.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Dave Sifferd

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Bo Pullen in memory of her mom Barbara Sizemore.

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

SUMMER 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>June 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$34,727.13	\$159,215.04
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$20,864.40</u>	<u>\$137,090.86</u>
Net	\$13,862.73	\$ 22,124.18

*The YTD amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given in January

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.

Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – *Our next class will be held in the Fall.*

If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please join us for a one class introduction to FPC. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

MISSION PROJECT – We have been made aware of the need at Misión Peniel in Immokalee for “backpacks and school supplies” for the children. There are two ways you can contribute to this project:

A financial contribution – The Mission Team will purchase the backpacks

Bring in school supplies and place them in the container in the church foyer

A list of school supplies can be found on the table in the church foyer. This collection will continue to next Sunday, August 6th.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – Sundays at 9:15 -10:15am in the Fellowship

Hall. As a Grandparent, you play an important role in your Grandchildren's lives – so important that your influence on them has eternal significance. Becoming an effective Grandparent isn't just another season of your life; it is a God-given calling! Come join us for inspiration, tools, and connection with others as we seek God's truth and guidance in becoming effective, loving Grandparents. This will be a video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale and Bo.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, August 2nd, 10:00am.

We continue our study of Mark. Mark is written primarily to Gentiles, and the ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship. For Mark, discipleship is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting Jesus, confessing him, observing his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him. Discipleship also means being prepared to face the kind of rejection that Jesus faced.

MISSION LUNCHEON – Thursday, August 3rd, 1:00pm – The first week in August we will be welcoming our missionary Lisa Alfonsi, her husband Clever and son Kaleb from Peru. Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet them and learn about their Wheelchair Ministry. Mark your calendars now and sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, August 4th, 12:00pm – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Perkins in Port Charlotte. **All ladies are invited!**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – Wednesday, August 9th at 5:00pm – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of **The Chosen**. We will finish Season 3 on August 23rd. Sign up in the church foyer.

THE CHOSEN ON TV – For those who have missed the first two seasons of *The Chosen*, it is now on TV, on the CW channel. The three existing seasons of the series are airing on the CW network on Sundays at 8:00pm, ET/PT, with the Season 3 finale scheduled to air on Christmas Eve. A fourth season of the series is currently in production, with seven seasons planned.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Mark your calendar for **Friday, August 25th** -- we will be helping at the Mission bagging groceries from 11:00am - 1:00pm. More details to follow. Sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, September 6th at 5:00pm. Barksdale and Bo host a get-together dinner at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

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 2022 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)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

July 30th to August 6th

Sunday, July 30

- 9:15am Grandparenting Matters
- 10:15am Hymn Festival
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Memorial Service for Ernie Lehman
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Tuesday, August 1

- 1:00pm Fellowship Team

Wednesday, August 2

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, August 3

- 10:00am Game Fellowship
- 1:00pm Missions Luncheon

Friday, August 4

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, August 6

- 9:15am **Communion Sunday**
- 9:15am Grandparenting Matters
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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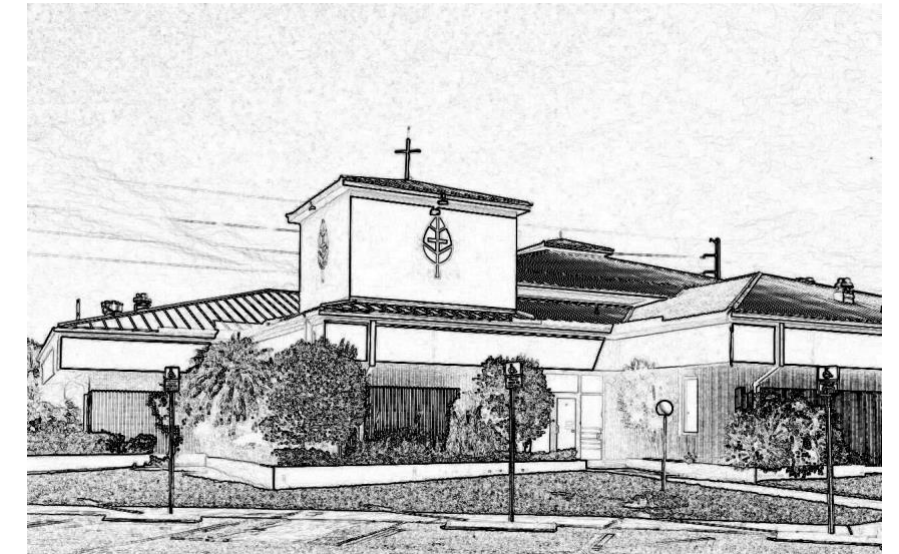
SERMON NOTES

Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the LORD: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

Bible Readings

- July 30 Jeremiah 2:23-5:19
- July 31 Jeremiah 5:20-6:30
2 Kings 22:3-20
2 Chronicles 34:8-28
- August 1 2 Kings 23:1-20
2 Chronicles 34:29-33
2 Kings 23:21-28
2 Chronicles 35:1-19
Nahum 1:1-3:19
- August 2 Habakkuk 1:1-3:19
Zephaniah 1:1-2:7
- August 3 Zephaniah 2:8-3:20
2 Chronicles 35:20-27
2 Kings 23:29-30
Jeremiah 47:1-48:47
- August 4 2 Chronicles 36:1-4
2 Kings 23:31-37
2 Chronicles 36:5
Jeremiah 22:1-23
Jeremiah 26:1-24
2 Kings 24:1-4
Jeremiah 25:1-14
- August 5 Jeremiah 25:15-38
Jeremiah 36:1-32
Jeremiah 45:1-46:28



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.

July 30, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Sam Cessna
USHERS	Judith Cornell, Maria Greene, Matthew Greene, Marjorie Haun