
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Contemporary Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Blessed Peace* Robert J. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *This is the House of the Lord* Donald Moore
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #348** *My Savior's Love*

*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

ANTHEM *A Canon of Thanks* arr. Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

OFFERTORY *Redeeming Grace* Edward H. Wetherill

*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 #314** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Acts 18:1, 11

MESSAGE *Attitude of the Church* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #353** *Victory in Jesus*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #231** *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart*

POSTLUDE *Festal March* Gregory P. Cohn

*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 still 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 the family of Diane Culver-Truby, who went home to the Lord on October 25th.

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 Laurel Aumend in memory of her mother, Doris Aumend.

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

NOVEMBER 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>October 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,143.15	\$227,175.00
Cash Expenditures	\$21,795.99	\$228,625.26
Net	(\$2,652.84)	(\$1,450.26)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

BIBLE READING PLAN -- Reading guides and Bibles are in the church foyer.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING – This year we will support *St. Vincent de Paul's* "Thanksgiving Meals Project". Please use the Special Gifting or Pew envelopes for your donations through November 19th. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS JOY-DRIVE – *Misión Peniel (Immokalee)* – Be a blessing to needy children and families this Christmas. Choose a gift tag on the tree in the church foyer, buy a gift, and return it in a gift bag by November 26th. Donations are also accepted.

DEACON'S FUND – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY – *Today* we will offer our 2024 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church. *Narrative Budget Booklets and Pledge Cards are in the back of the sanctuary and in the church foyer.*

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES – *This afternoon at 3:00pm, featuring the Barefoot Trio.* This trio of flute, viola and harp will perform an enchanting fall performance of music presenting works by Claude Debussy, Carl Nielsen, Andre Jolivet and more. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, November 21st at 10:00am* – "Losing a Beautiful Queen" – *Esther 1:10-22*. Join us for our study of "Esther", based on "Becoming a Woman of Beauty & Strength" by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. *All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.*

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – Sign up in the church foyer to help decorate our church *Saturday, November 25th, 9:00am.*

PEACE RIVER GARDENS – **RESCHEDULED for Tuesday, November 28th at 9:30am** – Sign up now to tour the beautiful Peace River Gardens (their "Glass in the Gardens" show) in Punta Gorda.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am (November 29, December 6 and 13) as we prepare for Advent. No one expected the Messiah to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger *is* the message. Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it's like to be human. Because of Bethlehem, when we talk to him about tough times, he understands. He's been there. He's been *here*. Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record...just grace.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, December 1st, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Los Mariachi's in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, December 1st* – we will be helping at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:30pm. We will return about 8-9pm. Sign up in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – *Wednesday, December 6th, 5:00pm.* Turkey and ham will be provided. Sign up in the church foyer to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

PUNTA GORDA CHRISTMAS TRADITION - Join us for a tour of the residential canals in Punta Gorda to view Christmas lights, displays and decorations on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. The cost is \$27/person. We will gather at **6:30pm on Friday, December 15th** at the Pier at Fishermen's Village. *Sign up and pay by December 1st.*

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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>

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

November 19th to November 26th

Sunday, November 19

Pledge Dedication Sunday

Deacon’s Fund Sunday

- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 3:00pm Concert Series – Barefoot Trio
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Facebook)

Monday, November 20

Session

Tuesday, November 21

- 10:00am Women’s Bible Study
- 3:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 22

10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 25

9:00am Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26

- 10:15am Hymn Sing
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Facebook)

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SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

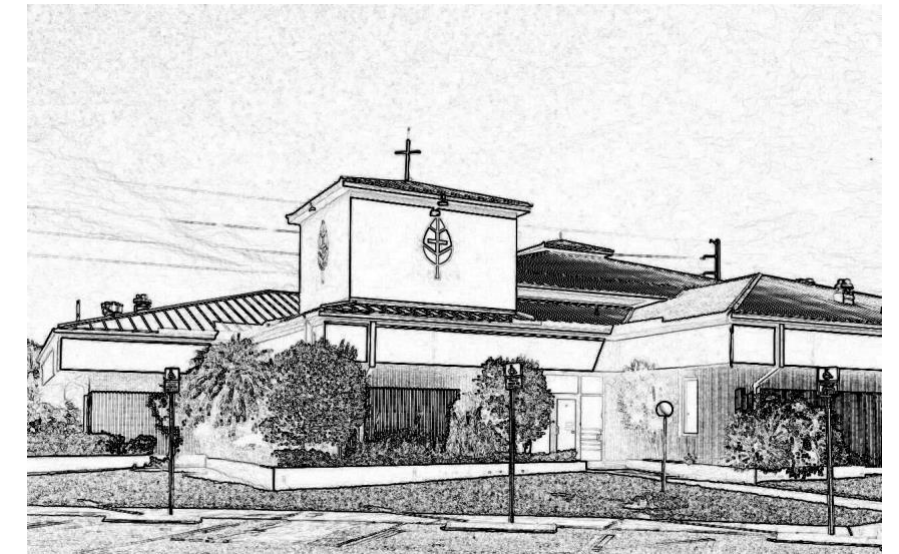
¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Acts 18:1, 11

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth...And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Bible Readings

- November 19 1 Corinthians 4:1-7:40
- November 20 1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1
- November 21 1 Corinthians 11:2-13:13
- November 22 1 Corinthians 14:1-15:58
- November 23 1 Corinthians 16:1-24
Acts 19:21-20:6
Romans 1:1-32
- November 24 Romans 2:1-4:25
- November 25 Romans 5:1-8:17



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.

November 19, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

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