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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Spirituials

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Robert W. Thygerson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN #65** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

**\*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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Grace Alone* Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson  
Denny Ausman

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

**OFFERTORY - \*\*** *I Need Thee Every Hour* Earl Roland Larson

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Let our giving, gracious God, be not the end point but rather the beginning. Let our gifts of love and gratitude travel where we do not, making pathways of hope where there is none. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN #563** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

**SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 3:1-13

**MESSAGE** *The Mystery Revealed* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

**\*HYMN #562** *Be Thou My Vision*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Shall We Gather at the River* Hugh S. Livingston, III

\*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**

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 Denny and Minty Ausman in memory of Anganee Balloo.

**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 **Sundays, February 15th and 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.

**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!

**MOWER NEEDED** - If you have, or know anyone, that has a Riding Lawnmower they would like to donate, or sell, to the church, please let Sam know. Thanks!

**ACTIVITIES / EVENTS**

**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” (Lesson 1) 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.

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – **Wednesday, February 18th, 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** – **Wednesday, February 18th, Noon**. Ash Wednesday is a church tradition marking the start of Lent, it is a forty-day period (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter, understood as a time of repentance, self-examination, and preparation to remember Christ’s death and resurrection. (It is similar to the Advent Season in preparing for Christmas.) Lenten Devotionals will be available in the church foyer on the information table.

**LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP** – **Thursday, February 19th, at 10:00am** -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – **Friday, February 20th, 11:30am** – Sign up for Laishley’s Crab House in Punta Gorda. All ladies welcome!

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

**PULLEN UP A CHAIR** – **March 4th is full – watch for another date coming soon** – 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.

**ST. PATRICK DAY DINNER** – **Wednesday, March 11th, 5:00pm** – Save the date!

**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**

**February 15 – February 22**

<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	<b>Deacon’s Fund Sunday</b>
8:00am	Sermon on the Sand
10:30am	<b>Worship Service (Also Online)</b>
11:30am	Valentine Memorial Service
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB
<b>Monday, February 16</b>	
1:00pm	Session
<b>Tuesday, February 17</b>	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, February 18</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
12:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday, February 19</b>	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
<b>Friday, February 20</b>	
9:15am	Mission Trip to Immokalee
11:30am	Ladies Lunch Bunch
<b>Sunday, February 22</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
8:00am	Sermon on the Sand
10:15am	Hymn Sing
10:30am	<b>Worship Service (Also Online)</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Congregational Annual Meeting</b>
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB

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 Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday  
 (and by appointment)

**SERMON NOTES**

**Ephesians 3:1-13**

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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

- 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



**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.*

**February 15, 2026**

**10:30am**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Denny Ausman
<b>OFFICE &amp; WORSHIP ADMIN</b>	Debbie Rostad
<b>LITURGIST</b>	John Evans
<b>USHERS</b>	Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte, Billie Sixt, Don Willecke
<b>A/V TECH</b>	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson