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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Hymns Remembered

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

### PRELUDE

*Air*

G. F. Handel

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### HYMN #214

He Has Made Me Glad

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to love others according to Your will. We judge them and make assumptions about others without ever trying to take the time to understand them. We see them not with the eyes of Jesus, but with our selfish eyes. Please forgive us and help us to remember that Jesus came to give His life for all people. May we show grace and mercy to others just as You have done for us. (*Silent Confession*)

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \*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.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

*Meditation*

D. F. Callender

### \*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 #630

*What a Friend we Have in Jesus*

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-27

### MESSAGE

*Labor Day*

Pastor Barksdale Pullen

### COMMUNION AND COMMUNION HYMN

*Behold the Lamb*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

### \*HYMN #410

*Standing on the Promises*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Duke Street*

arr. Franklin Ritter

\*Please stand, if able

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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, Chasen and Katie Brokaw; missionaries we support in Peru, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.
- Pray for Crossroads Hope Academy, 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 with Special Needs*

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

*Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes --* Marion Brown – *Life Care, Punta Gorda*

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## NOTES

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**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given in honor of our missionaries who labor in foreign lands sharing the Gospel.

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

**SEPTEMBER 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 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](mailto:bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org).

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – These daily devotionals are 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 *vimeo livestream*.

**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!

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

**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>

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**

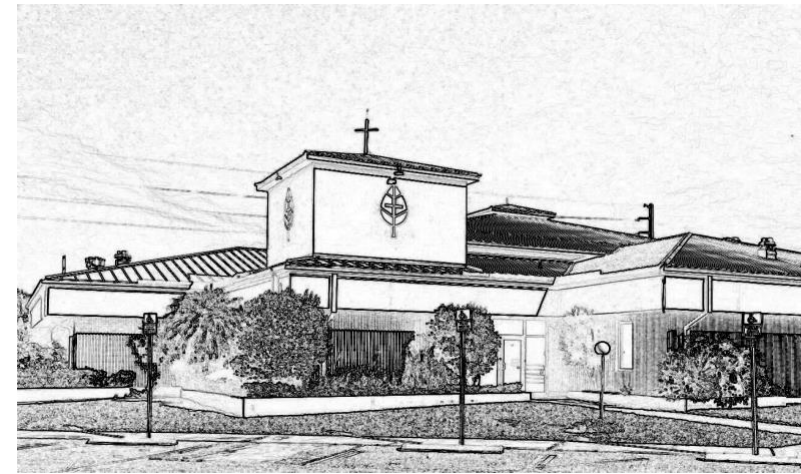
**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE** – Sign up in the church foyer to help with our Memorial Service receptions.  
**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – *Friday, September 6th, 12:00pm* – Sign up for Skillet's Restaurant in P. C.  
**KITCHEN CLEANING** – *Saturday, September 7th, 9:00am* – Sign up to help get our kitchen ready for Fall!  
**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – *Wednesday, September 11th at 10:00am* – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study II Peter. *All are welcome! **WE DO NOT MEET SEPTEMBER 4TH.***  
**THE CHOSEN SEASON 4** – *Wednesday, September 11th. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm*, followed by the sixth episode of The Chosen Series - Season 4. Sign up in the church foyer.  
**MISION PENIEL** – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, September 13th* – we will help at the Mission in the morning. Please meet at the church at *9:15am*. Sign up in the church foyer.  
**SERMON ON THE SAND** – *Sunday, September 15th at 8:00am*. This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on September 15th.  
**LUNCH 'N' LEARN** – *Monday, September 30th at 11:30am*. Join us for lunch and a seminar on "Scams Affecting Seniors". Sign up in the church foyer.  
**MISSIONS SUPPORT** – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2024 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)  
 Stand In The Gap Fund - (supports missionaries and ministries with unexpected financial burdens)

**EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK – SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 8**

<b>Sunday, September 1</b>	<b>Communion Sunday</b>
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
<b>Monday, September 2</b>	<b>Labor Day (Office Closed)</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 3</b>	
1:00pm	Fellowship Team
<b>Wednesday, September 4</b>	
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
<b>Thursday, September 5</b>	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
<b>Friday, September 6</b>	
12:00pm	Ladies Lunch Bunch
<b>Saturday, September 7</b>	
9:00am	Clean the Kitchen
<b>Sunday, September 8</b>	
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)

**Comparative Financial Operations / Performance**

	<u>July 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$15,693.46	\$178,347.66
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$19,368.55</u>	<u>\$156,728.72</u>
Net	\$ (3,675.09)	\$21,618.94



***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.*

**September 1, 2024**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**  
**ORGANIST**  
**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen  
 Denny Ausman  
 Debbie Rostad  
 John Evans  
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