

Worship Service		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Joy Cometh in The Morning	Carl Simone
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #225		
*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	Here I Am, Lord	Gail Thornton, Solo
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)		
OFFERTORY - **	Devotion	arr. David Paxton
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to You, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.		
*HYMN #597		
SCRIPTURE		3 John 9-15
MESSAGE	Faithfulness and Pride	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #429		
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #425		
POSTLUDE	Praises	Dennis Eliot
*Please stand, if able		
**You may give securely online at www.fpcpunta.org		
Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth		
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #505541137		

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 Lisa and Clever Alfonsi, Eric and Debbie Stone, and 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 Ground Up Ministries, a ministry for human trafficking in Florida. - Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County. - Pray for Misi3n Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee. - Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.		
Those with Special Needs -- Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner Lynn Lang Dave Sifferd Minty Ausman		
Notes		
PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale’s prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org .		
PRAYER REQUESTS – Email your praise or petition to 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 – Flowers are given by Gail Thornton in loving memory of my mom Grace Herwig.		
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 – <u>May be sponsored for \$45.00</u> , beginning in October. 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.		
OUR DAILY BREAD – These daily devotionals are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.		
STREAMING MINISTRY – Livestream our services (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo <i>vimeo livestream</i> .		
FACEBOOK PAGE – If you are on Facebook, don’t forget to follow our page for the latest happenings – https://www.facebook.com/FPCPGFL .		
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 – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online</u> .		
HURRICANE SEASON – As we are still in Florida’s hurricane season we want to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don’t travel if you are not comfortable, but you may join us online. Also, we have a text messaging system to notify folks if Services/Events are canceled. If you do not want to receive a text message, please notify the church office. Please note: You cannot reply to these text messages.		
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		

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	July 2026	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,400.21	\$146,920.65
Cash Expenditures	\$21,489.13	\$147,216.68
Net	(\$2,088.92)	(\$296.03)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

“BE PREPARED: HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS” – TODAY at 11:30am. Join Katie and Andy Schulte following worship for best practices for hurricane-preparedness.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, September 1st at 10:00am – “The Holy Spirit”, a weekly in-depth study, led by Gail Thornton.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Resumes Wednesday, September 2nd at 10:00am. We will be looking at Paul’s longest letter – Romans. His letter to the church in Rome can and should change us. We should walk away knowing Jesus more clearly, understanding the gospel more accurately, abandoning sin more thoroughly, feeling grace more deeply, and grasping more faithfully the large story of God’s sovereign purposes for this world and his faithful achievement of those purposes in spite of evil and sin. Everyone invited, led by Pastor Barksdale.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, September 2nd at 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.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – Thursday, September 3rd, at 10:00am -- All ladies are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, September 4th, 11:30am – Sign up for Bella Napoli, Port Charlotte.

CHOIR – Rehearses Thursday, September 17th, 4:30pm and Sings Sunday, September 20th.

FALL WORK DAYS – Friday, September 18th (Outside) and Thursday, September 24th (Inside) at 9:00am.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, September 25th, 9:30am.** Please meet at our church.

PRESBYTERY VOLUNTEERS – On October 2nd – 3rd, FPC will host the Florida Presbytery of our denomination (ECO); we are expecting around 80 people. Please sign up in the church foyer to help.

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we support 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)

Misión Peniel (Immokalee)

Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)

Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)

Ground Up Ministries (Cape Coral)

Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

Stand In The Gap Fund - (supports missionaries and ministries with unexpected financial burdens)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 6

Sunday, August 30	
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Hurricane Preparedness with the Schultes
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
Tuesday, September 1	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
1:00pm	Fellowship Team
Wednesday, September 2	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrines
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
5:00pm	Pullen Up a Chair
Thursday, September 3	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
Friday, September 4	
11:30am	Ladies Lunch Bunch
Sunday, September 6	
10:30am	Communion Sunday
11:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)



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.

August 30, 2026	10:30am
PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Katie Schulte
USHERS	Linda Avallone, Merrillyn Ellison, Billie Sixt, Linda Wagar
AV/TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff

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