
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Meditation on Wondrous Love* David Paxton

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN #12** *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

***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** (*debts/debtors*)

OFFERTORY - ** *The Spirit Song (Hymn #384)* John Wimber

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear Lord, here and now we bring our gifts to You and to the church. We ask You to receive our gifts for ministry and service. But more, Lord, receive our love, and with our love and Your divine love, may we keep on building Your kingdom here as it is in heaven. In our Master's name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #89** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:14-21

MESSAGE *Prayer for Ephesians* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #179** *Awesome God*

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *If You But Trust in God* Michael Krentz

*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 #50550373

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, 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

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

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 – The flowers are given by Bruce Peters in memory of Myrna Peters.

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) 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 |

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – **A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm** (FaceBook online). Please submit any prayer requests to 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 **Sunday, February 22nd at 8:00am at Fishermen's Village**.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, March 27th, 12:15pm**. Please meet at our church. We need 12 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

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING – **Please plan to attend following our service today.** 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.*

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, February 25th, 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.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – **Thursday, February 26th, at 10:00am** -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, March 3rd, at 10:00am** – Our study is: "Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight" (Lesson 2) 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.

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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, March 6th, 11:30am** – Sign up for Olive Garden in Port Charlotte. All ladies welcome!

ST. PATRICK DAY DINNER – **Wednesday, March 11th, 5:00pm** – Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner of corned beef and sides. Suggested donation is \$7.00. Sign up in the church foyer.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – **Wednesday, March 25th, Noon** – Detective Chris Farley from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office will give a presentation on the latest Senior Scams. Sign up in the church foyer.

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 22 – March 1

Sunday, February 22

8:00am

10:15am

10:30am

11:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sermon on the Sand

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

Congregational Annual Meeting

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting-FB

Wednesday, February 25

10:00am

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, February 26

10:00am

Ladies Cards Fellowship

Sunday, March 1

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting-FB

First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda
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Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday
(and by appointment)

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (details to follow)

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

February 22, 2026

10:30am

PASTOR

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

ORGANIST

Denny Ausman

OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN

Debbie Rostad

LITURGIST

Bev Brady

USHERS

Sharon Fant, Donna DeBree, Pete DeBree, Sam Cessna

AV TECH

George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson