

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
Classical		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	He Leadeth Me	Edward Broughton
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #408	How Firm a Foundation	
*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 - **	In The Garden	Roger C. Wilson
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Gracious God, accept these gifts as signs of our desire to serve You. Make our offerings to be instruments of peace and grace in the world. Use them to heal the sick, and to bring hope to the brokenhearted, comfort for the afflicted, justice for the oppressed and good news to all. And let all that we do be a foretaste of Your reign on earth. In Jesus’ name. Amen.		
*HYMN #87	Fairest Lord Jesus	
SCRIPTURE	1 John 2:12-17	
MESSAGE	The Love God Hates	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #56	To God Be the Glory	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #436		
Freely, Freely (Refrain)		
POSTLUDE	Crown Him with Many Crowns	David H. Hegerty
*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 #505503731		

Ministry of Prayer		
Prayer Focus		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.		
Those Who Grieve		
Pray for the family of Bill Dossé, who went home to the Lord on July 31st.		
Those with Special Needs		
Rachel Pfaender Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner Lynn Lang Ron Sixt Dave Sifferd		
Notes		
Prayer Quote – “Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other’s hearts in prayer.” — Charles Finney		
Flowers –The flowers are given by Pete and Debbie Rostad in celebration of their 50th anniversary.		
Vacation – Pastor Barksdale will be out of the office from August 25 – 31. If you have a need, please call an elder (listed in the directory).		
Cell Phones – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
Summer Newsletter – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
Church Directories – Available in the church office.		
Flowers – May be sponsored for <u>\$37.50</u> . 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 .		
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) 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 – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online</u> . Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org .		
Comparative Financial Operations / Performance		
	July 2025	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$16,718.18	\$139,463.13
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,674.98</u>	<u>\$153,178.59</u>
Net	(\$4,956.80)	(\$13,715.46)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

SERMON ON THE SAND – Pastor Barksdale delivers the message on *Sunday, August 24th at 8:00am at Fishermen’s Village.*

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *We will resume on Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00am –.*
God’s Unfolding Plan of Redemption - The story of salvation is more than the Easter story, God’s plan of salvation stretches back in the Old Testament. Join us as we explore the characters, events and history leading up to the promised Messiah. All are welcome!

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – *Join us on Thursday, August 28th at 10:00am* – We meet every Thursday morning for cards and conversation. All ladies welcome!

MISIÓN PENIEL – Sign up for our trip to Immokalee - *Friday, August 29th, 9:00am* - Meet at church.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, September 5th, 11:30am* – Sign up for Riviera in Punta Gorda.

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>

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) 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 24 – AUGUST 31

<u>Sunday, August 24</u>	
8:00am	Sermon on the Sand at Fishermen’s Village
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time and Open House in the Library
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
<u>Wednesday, August 27</u>	
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
<u>Thursday, August 28</u>	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
<u>Sunday, August 31</u>	
10:30am	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 24, 2025		10:30am
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PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen	
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman	
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad	
LITURGIST	John Evans	
USHERS	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Merrilyn Ellison, Linda Wagar	
AV/TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff	

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