

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Nancy Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Our God Reigns

Nancy Smith

L. E. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN #429

They’ll Know We Are Christians

*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 Healing Hand of God

Franklin Ritter

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our gracious Lord, we stand before You as a living offering. You shower us with blessings, all free and totally undeserved. Bless us and use us as instruments for Your will. Bless, too, these financial gifts to Your holy purpose. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN #406

Wonderful Words of Life

SCRIPTURE

Philemon 1:8-16

MESSAGE

The Request

Pastor Barksdale Pullen

*HYMN #779

I’ll Fly Away

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #522

I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me (vs. 1)

POSTLUDE

Postlude Praise

Roger C. Wilson

*Please stand, if able

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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

Rachel Pfaender

Phyllis Ehrhardt

Rick Berner

Lynn Lang

Ron Sixt

Dave Sifferd

NOTES

PRAYER QUOTE – “God does not delay to hear our prayers because he has no mind to give; but that, by enlarging our desires, he may give us the more largely.” – Anselm of Canterbury

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 today by Joan Hoffman in *Thanks for all of our Blessings*.

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

NOVEMBER 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		
	October 2025	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$22,460.15	\$205,579.57
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,262.35</u>	<u>\$218,309.09</u>
Net	\$1,197.80	(\$12,729.52)

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.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is ***Friday, November 21st, 12:00pm*** – Please meet at our church. We need 12 people to sign up.

SERMON ON THE SAND – Pastor Barksdale delivers the message on ***Sunday, November 16th at 8:00am at Fishermen’s Village***.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING – Support St. Vincent de Paul through a “Thanksgiving Meals Project”. Please consider making a financial donation and use the Special Gifting envelopes on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church foyer. Return envelopes by November 23rd.

ANGEL / CARDINAL TREE – Stop by the Christmas Tree to take a tag and bag to support our Christmas gift giving to the children at Misión Peniel in Immokalee. Return the tag and bag with an *UNWRAPPED* gift of \$25 - \$30 by November 23rd. Thank you for helping make Christmas special to these children.

DEACON’S FUND SUNDAY – *Next Sunday, November 16th --* is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

PLEDGE SUNDAY – *Sundays, November 23rd and 30th* – *If you did not receive a Narrative Budget/Pledge card packet in the mail, there are extras in the church foyer.*

CONGREGATIONAL / CORPORATION MEETING – *Sunday, November 23rd following the Worship Service* – The purpose is to present the 2026 budget and answer any questions and also to elect corporate officers.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – *Monday, November 10th, at 10:00am* – Please join us as we begin a new season.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, November 12th, at 10:00am* – Ever wondered how people from different cultures/religions see life, truth, and meaning? "*When Worlds Collide -Exploring Worldviews*", will take you across continents and centuries to uncover ideas that have shaped civilizations and individuals alike. Join us in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK – *Wednesday, November 12th at 5:00pm*. Sign up and bring a can of food or two for St. Vincent de Paul’s food pantry.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – *Thursday, November 13th at 10:00am ---* All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

INQUIRER’S CLASS – *Next Sunday, November 16th* -- Interested in the history and beliefs of FPC, or what it means to be a member? Join us on November 16th after church for this informational meeting. *Lunch provided*. Sign up in the church foyer.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS - *A GriefShare seminar, Monday, November 17th at FPC from 10:00am – 12:00pm* offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you’ll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who’ve faced the holidays after their loss. You’ll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You’ll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season. Your holiday season won’t be easy; your emotions may ambush you and suck you under at times. But you can choose to walk through this season in a way that honors your loved one and puts you on the path of health and healing. Sign up in the foyer.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, November18th, 10:00am* – We are studying “Keep It Shut” by Karen Ehman. Lesson 4 (Chapters 7 & 8 in Book) “Gossip, Flattery, and People-Pleasing: How to Speak the Truth in Love”. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, November 21st, 11:30am* – Sign up for Beef O’ Bradys in Punta Gorda.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – *Saturday, November 29th, 9:00am* – Come and help decorate our Church for Christmas! 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

November 9 – November 16

Sunday, November 9

- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, November 10

- 10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, November 11

- 10:00am Veteran’s Day Mission Team

Wednesday, November 12

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
- 5:00pm Welcome Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 13

- 10:00am Ladies Cards Fellowship

Sunday, November 16

- 8:00am Deacon’s Fund Sunday
- 10:30am Sermon on the Sand
- 11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 11:30am Inquirer’s Class
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Philemon 1:8-16

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.



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.

November 9, 2025 10:30am

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| PASTOR | Dr. Barksdale Pullen |
| ORGANIST | Denny Ausman |
| OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN | Debbie Rostad |
| LITURGIST | Bev Brady |
| USHERS | Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Linda Wagar, Don Willecke |
| A/V TECH | George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff |