
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Beth Morrison, Flute

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *By the Waters of Babylon* Robert Wolf

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #92** *O How I Love Jesus*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

***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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL MUSIC Beth Morrison, Flute

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

OFFERTORY *Tranquil Moment* Louis Lefebure-Wely

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You have blessed us with every good gift, generous God. Our hearts overflow with joy and love for the privilege of walking with You and being called Your own. Receive these gifts, we pray, as our faithful and grateful response to Your gifts of grace and mercy in our lives. Amen.

***HYMN #11** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 1:12-2:20 (Selected Verses)

MESSAGE *God's Plans/Our Plans* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

COMMUNION

***HYMN #591** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #232** *God Be with You* (vs. 2)

POSTLUDE *Short Postlude in Eb* Stewart Landon

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

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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 those who are still recovering from Hurricane Ian.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi, Eric Stone family, 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 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 | Kay Callahan | Phyllis Ehrhardt |
| Lynn Lang | Ron Sixt | Rick Berner |
| Irene Csontos | Barb Harris | Dave Sifferd |

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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 on the Bulletin Board 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 – 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

| | July 2023 | Year-to-Date |
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| *Tithes & Offerings | \$22,011.12 | \$181,226.16 |
| Cash Expenditures | \$24,622.99 | \$161,713.85 |
| Net | (\$2,611.87) | \$ 19,512.31 |

*The YTD amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given in January

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

HURRICANE SEASON – We are in the heart of hurricane season and wanted to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, join us online. Also, we have a text messaging system to notify members 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.**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – **Sunday, October 29th at 9:15am.** If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please join us for a one class introduction to FPC. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – **Wednesday, September 6th, at 10:00am.** We continue our study of Mark. Mark is written primarily to Gentiles, and the ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, September 6th at 5:00pm.** Barksdale and Bo host a get-together dinner at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS – **Resume on Thursday, September 7th at 4:30pm.** Rehearsals last about an hour. If you love to sing, please join us for rehearsals on Thursdays and church services on Sunday mornings. The choir begins singing anthems on October 1st. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 for more information.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, September 15th, 12:00pm** – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Luigi's Restaurant in Port Charlotte. **All ladies are invited!**

SAVE THE DATE -- WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND MOVIE – **Wednesday, September 20th at 5:00pm** – Join us for a Potluck Dinner and stay to watch the new movie **Jesus Revolution**.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, September 29th --** we will be helping at the Mission from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Please meet at the church between 9:15-9:30am. Sign up in the church foyer.

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES for 2023-2024 is set. The Season Brochure is available in the church foyer or on our website www.fpcpunta.org under Ministries / Concert Series. The first concert is Sunday, November 19th at 3:00pm, featuring the Barefoot Trio.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

MAUI SUPPORT – A reminder that our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO's go-to resource for long-term disaster relief. We echo their current request for prayer for those affected by the Maui wildfires. We will keep our ECO family updated if they are able to respond or if they will recommend partner organizations to support. You may learn more about how World Renew Disaster Response Services rebuilds hope and shares God's love through holistic disaster recovery work here:

<https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services>

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS –

Shower Ministry (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) – Please place “shower” items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2022 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)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 3rd to September 10th

Sunday, September 3

10:30am Communion Sunday
 11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 Fellowship Time
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Monday, September 4

Labor Day Holiday
 Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

1:00pm Fellowship Team

Wednesday, September 6

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
 5:00pm Pullen Up a Chair

Thursday, September 7

10:00am Game Fellowship
 4:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 10

10:30am **Grandparents Day**
 11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 Fellowship Time
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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 Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

SERMON NOTES

Selected Verses from Habakkuk 1:12-2:20

Bible Readings

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| September 3 | 1 Chronicles 8:29-9:1 Daniel 4:1-37 Ezekiel 40:1-37 |
| September 4 | Ezekiel 40:38-43:27 |
| September 5 | Ezekiel 44:1-46:24 |
| September 6 | Ezekiel 47:1-48:35 Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 2 Kings 25:27-30 Jeremiah 52:31-34 |
| September 7 | Daniel 7:1-8:27 Daniel 5:1-31 |
| September 8 | Daniel 6:1-28 Daniel 9:1-27 2 Chronicles 36:22-23 Ezra 1:1-11 |
| September 9 | 1 Chronicles 3:17-19 Ezra 2:1-4:5 1 Chronicles 3:19-24 |



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 3, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
 Joan Byron
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