
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Classical Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *By The Galilean Lake* Whila Hutson

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble*

Pastor: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

All: *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

Pastor: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN #633 *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

*HYMN #634 *More Love to Thee*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Steadfast God, we confess to You and to one another that we rely more upon the things of our own invention than upon Your saving help. We have believed that our ingenuity would rescue us from all harm, and we have found it hard to let go of our pet projects. Forgive us, O God, for not having placed our faith in You. Have mercy on us for clinging so hard to our own concept of the way things should be and for failing to hear Your fresh alternatives. Turn our world upside down, O God, and teach us to trust in You above all else. *(Silent Confession)*

***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 #813**

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

OFFERTORY *The Healing Hand of God* Franklin Ritter

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, like Abraham and Sarah, we have heard Your call. We respond with fledgling faith, offering what we have as we step into the unknown future with You. Bless and multiply these gifts of faith, we pray, to accomplish more than we dare think or ask. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN #401 *The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1-2)*

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 29:18

MESSAGE *Vision* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN *Come Share the Lord*

COMMUNION

*HYMN #401 *The Church's One Foundation (vs. 3-4)*

***BENEDICTION**

*RESPONSE *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

POSTLUDE *Postlude in F Major* J. S. Bach

*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 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

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Ernie Lehman	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Patti Nuznoff in memory of her sister Cheryl Meloy.

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

JUNE 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 *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!

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$21,392.84	\$107,439.15
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$25,049.60</u>	<u>\$ 94,774.04</u>
Net	(\$ 3,656.76)	\$ 12,665.11

*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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – *Our next class will be held in the Fall.* 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

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Thursday, June 8th at 5:00pm.* Barksdale and Bo will 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.

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – *Begins next Sunday, June 11th, at 9:15 - 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall.* As a Grandparent, you play an important role in your Grandchildren's lives – so important that your influence on them has eternal significance. Becoming an effective Grandparent isn't just another season of your life; it is a God-given calling! Come join us for inspiration, tools, and connection with others as we seek God's truth and guidance in becoming effective, loving Grandparents. This will be a 12-week video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale and Bo.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *We will resume on Wednesday, June 14th at 10:00am* as we address some of the questions that have arisen from our chronological reading of the Bible, and general questions about the Christian faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, June 14th at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, June 16th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Laishley's Crab House in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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

June 4th to June 11th

Sunday, June 4 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**
 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 11:30am Fellowship Time
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Wednesday, June 7
 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, June 8
 10:00am Game Fellowship
 5:00pm Pullen Up a Chair

Sunday, June 11
 9:15am Grandparenting Matters
 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 11:30am Fellowship Time
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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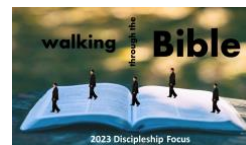
SERMON NOTES

Proverbs 29:18

KJV - Where there is no vision, the people perish:
 but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

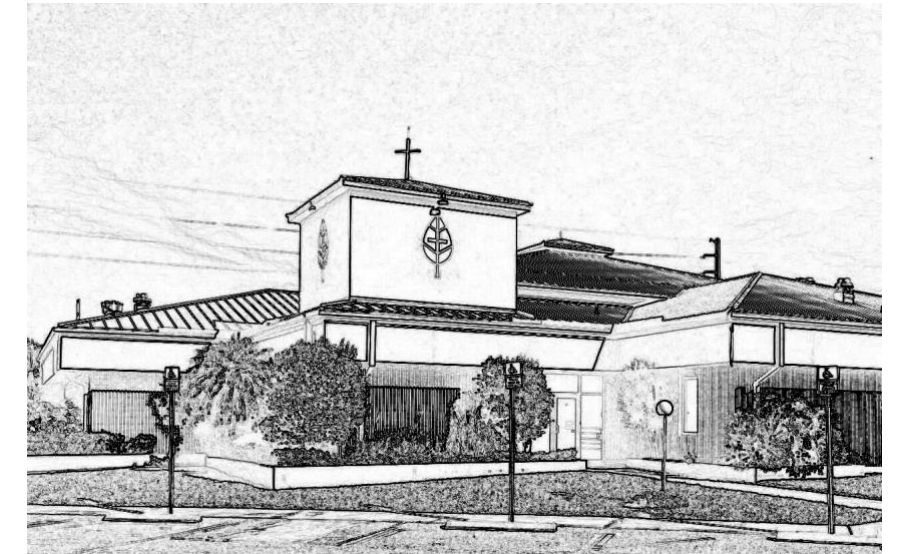
NIV - Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint;
 but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom’s instruction.

ESV - Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint,
 but blessed is he who keeps the law.



Bible Readings

- June 4 Song 1:1-8:14
- June 5 1 Kings 11:1-43
 2 Chronicles 9:29-31
 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
- June 6 Ecclesiastes 1:12-6:12
- June 7 Ecclesiastes 7:1-11:6
- June 8 Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14
 1 Kings 12:1-20; 12:21-24; 12:25-33
 2 Chronicles 10:1-19; 11:1-4; 11:5-17
- June 9 1 Kings 13:1-14:18; 14:21-24
 2 Chronicles 12:13-14; 11:18-23; 12:1-12
 1 Kings 14:25-28; 14:29-15:5; 15:6-8
 2 Chronicles 12:15-16; 13:1-22; 14:1-8
 1 Kings 15:9-15; 14:19-20; 15:25-34
 2 Chronicles 14:9-15; 15:1-19
- June 10 1 Kings 15:16-22; 16:1-34; 15:23-24
 2 Chronicles 16:1-10; 16:11-17:19
 1 Kings 17:1-7



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.

June 4, 2023

10:30am

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| PASTOR | Dr. Barksdale Pullen |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR | Joan Byron |
| ORGANIST | Denny Ausman |
| OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN | Debbie Rostad |
| LITURGIST | Don Washabaugh |
| USHERS | Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Marjorie Haun, Billie Sixt |