
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Paul and Jackie Whiting
Duets of familiar hymns arranged by Ovid Young, accompanied by Judy Kaff

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Tom Birchwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #690** *He Leadeth Me*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Tribute* Andrae Crouch, arr. R. Mauldin
Jackie Whiting, Soloist; Judy Kaff, Piano

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

OFFERTORY *Peace Within My Soul* Edward Broughton

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thanks be to You, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #638** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

SCRIPTURE Hosea 14:9

MESSAGE *Wisdom Applied* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #407** *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #232** *God Be with You (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE *Go Forth in Faith* David Paxton

*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 by Robert Cuzner in memory of his cousin, Rodger Kimble Stone.

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 **\$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

	<u>June 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$34,727.13	\$159,215.04
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$20,864.40</u>	<u>\$137,090.86</u>
Net	\$13,862.73	\$ 22,124.18

*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.)

DEACON'S FUND – *NEXT Sunday, July 16th*, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

MISSION PROJECT – We have been made aware of the need at Misión Peniel in Immokalee for “backpacks and school supplies” for the children. There are two ways you can contribute to this project:

A financial contribution – The Mission Team will purchase the backpacks
Bring in school supplies and place them in the container in the church foyer
See the bulletin insert for a list of school supplies. This collection will continue to Sunday, August 6th.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – Sundays 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.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us on **Monday, July 10th at 10am.**

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *Wednesday, July 12th at 10:00am*
Our summer series is the Gospel 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. For Mark, discipleship is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting Jesus, confessing him, observing his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him. Discipleship also means being prepared to face the kind of rejection that Jesus faced.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, July 12th 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.

THE CHOSEN ON TV – For those who have missed the first two seasons of *The Chosen*, it is coming to TV, on the CW channel. The three existing seasons of the series will begin airing on the CW network on July 16th at 8:00pm, ET/PT. It will continue airing in that timeslot throughout the rest of the year, with the Season 3 finale scheduled to air on Christmas Eve. A fourth season of the series is currently in production, with seven seasons planned.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, July 21st, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Los Mariachi's in Punta Gorda. **All ladies are invited!**

MISSION LUNCHEON – *Thursday, August 3rd, 1:00pm* – The first week in August we will be welcoming our missionary Lisa Alfonsi, her husband Clever and son Kaleb from Peru. Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet them and learn about their Wheelchair Ministry. Mark your calendars now and sign up in the church foyer.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Mark your calendar for *Friday, August 25th* -- we will be helping at the Mission bagging groceries from 11:00am - 1:00pm. More details to follow. Sign up in the church foyer.

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

July 9th to July 16th

Sunday, July 9

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

Monday, July 10

- 10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, July 11

- 10:00am Missions Team

Wednesday, July 12

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
- 5:00pm Dinner and Movie – The Chosen

Thursday, July 13

- 10:00am Game Fellowship

Sunday, July 16

Deacon’s Fund Sunday

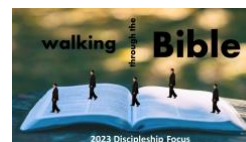
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SERMON NOTES

Hosea 14:9

Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;
whoever is discerning, let him know them;
for the ways of the Lord are right,
and the upright walk in them,
but transgressors stumble in them.



Bible Readings

- July 9 Psalms 105-106
- July 10 Psalms 107, 111-114
- July 11 Psalms 115-118
- July 12 Psalm 119
- July 13 Psalms 120-121; 123, 125, 126
- July 14 Psalms 128-130, 132, 134, 135
- July 15 Psalms 136, 146-150



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.

July 9, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR Dr. Barksdale Pullen
MUSIC DIRECTOR Joan Byron
ORGANIST Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST Don Washabaugh
USHERS Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte