
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Contemporary Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lullaby* E. A. Hovdesven

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INTROIT *O Jesus, Sweet Jesus* George F. Root
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #575** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

***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**

ANTHEM *Prayer* Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Prayer* Leon Boellmann

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to You, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN** *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:45

MESSAGE *Mark – Jesus the Servant* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #676** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #695** *Lead Me, Lord (2nd ending)*

POSTLUDE *Everlasting Joy* Lani Smith

*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

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 today by Barbara Harris in memory of her husband Rich Harris.

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

OCTOBER 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>September 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$13,019.05	\$208,034.64
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,195.56</u>	<u>\$206,829.27</u>
Net	(\$10,176.51)	\$ 1,205.37

Third-Quarter Contribution Statements have been mailed.

If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

Thank you for your stewardship.

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.)

BIBLE READING PLAN – In our church wide chronological reading of the Bible – Walking Thru the Bible – I want to encourage those of you that may have stopped to pick it back up. We have just started the New Testament; so set a personal goal to finish out 2023 reading the New Testament. Reading guides and Bibles are on the Church Information Table.

FALL MISSION PROJECT – Through mid-November we will collect Bath Towels (white) and Jeans (Sizes 30-36) for **Jesus Loves You Ministry**. You may bring in these items OR you may donate to this cause. Use Special Gifting or Pew envelopes. Thanks for your generosity.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, October 9th, at 10am**.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – **Wednesday, October 11th, at 10:00am**. The Gospel of 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.

BURGERS FOR BADGES – **Monday, October 16th, 11:00am – 1:00pm** – Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us in Fellowship Hall and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer for a shift – see the sign-up sheet for specific jobs. **If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as "B4B"**.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, October 17th at 10:00am** – **"Setting the Scene"** – **Esther 1:1-9**. Join us for our study of "Esther", based on *"Becoming a Woman of Beauty & Strength"* by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. **All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.**

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, October 20th, 12:00pm** – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club in Port Charlotte. **All ladies are invited!**

MISSIONARY LUNCHEON – **Wednesday, November 1st, 11:30am**. The first week in November we will be welcoming our missionaries Chasen & Katie Brokaw, their children Alexander and Bailey from Nicaragua. Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet them and learn about their ministry and current climate in the country. Mark your calendars now and sign up in the church foyer.

MEDICARE SEMINAR – **Saturday, November 4th, 10:00am – 12:00pm**. Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2024. No products will be sold during this meeting; it is informational.

CROSSROADS ACADEMY – **A Night with Jimmy Wayne, Friday, November 17th, at 7:00pm**. Join us for a benefit concert held at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$40/person and are available in our office or from Burnt Store Presbyterian Church.

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES -- **The first concert is Sunday, November 19th at 3:00pm, featuring the Barefoot Trio**. Flute, viola and harp will perform an enchanting fall performance of music presenting works by Claude Debussy, Carl Nielsen, Andre Jolivet and more.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, December 1st** – we will be helping at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:30pm. We will return about 8-9pm. We need a minimum of 12 people to sign up.

PUNTA GORDA CHRISTMAS TRADITION - Join us for a tour of the residential canals in Punta Gorda to view Christmas lights, displays and decorations on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. The cost is \$27/person. We will gather at 6:30pm on Friday, December 15th at the Pier at Fishermen's Village. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – A reminder that 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 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

October 8th to October 15th

Sunday, October 8

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

Monday, October 9

10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, October 10

10:00am Mission Team

Wednesday, October 11

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 15

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

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SERMON NOTES

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Bible Readings

October 8 Matthew 9:27-38; 13:53-58; 10:1-42
Mark 6:1-13
Luke 9:1-6
October 9 Luke 9:7-17
Mark 6:14-56
Matthew 14:1-36
John 6:1-21
October 10 John 6:22-71
Mark 7:1-23
Matthew 15:1-20
October 11 Mark 7:24-37; 8:1-21
Matthew 15:21-31; 15:32-16:12
October 12 Mark 8:22-9:13
Matthew 16:13-28; 17:1-13
Luke 9:18-36
October 13 Mark 9:14-50
Matthew 17:14-27; 18:1-35
Luke 9:37-50
October 14 John 7:1-8:20
Luke 9:51-62
Matthew 8:18-22



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.

October 8, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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Denny Ausman
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