
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Gospel Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* C. Georg Neumark
arr. Roger C. Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #12** *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

OFFERTORY *Peace in the Valley* Thomas Dorsey

*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 #665** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 4:10-12; Ephesians 5:15-16;
James 1:16-17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

MESSAGE *Stewardship – 3 T's* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #779** *I'll Fly Away*

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #672** *What a Mighty God We Serve (1 time)*

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Edward Broughton

*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 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 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

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today to honor our First Responders.

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!

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	September 2024	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$27,849.59	\$220,637.61
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,664.80</u>	<u>\$196,955.41</u>
Net	\$6,184.79	\$ 23,682.20

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 – As we are still in Florida's hurricane season we want to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, but you may join us online. Also, we have a text messaging system to notify folks 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.

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>

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

BURGERS FOR BADGES – TOMORROW - Monday, October 21st, from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Help us show our appreciation to our First Responders as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign up in the church foyer to bring cookies or desserts.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, October 23rd at 10:00am – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study “A Healthy Church” using I and II Timothy. *All are welcome!*

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE – Thursday, October 24th at 4:00pm. Sign up in the church foyer to sing in our Holiday Ensemble to work on music from *Love is Born*, by Lloyd Larson. **We will sing on November 17th, December 8th and 15th.** This will help prepare our congregation for Advent and Christmas and will welcome people interested in singing with others and sharing together.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, October 25th** – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at **12:15pm**. *We need 12 people to sign up for these mission trips!* Sign up in the church foyer.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – Sunday, October 27th, 9:30am – Join us for a one-class introduction to First Presbyterian Church. Sign up in the church foyer.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – Wednesday, October 30th at 11:30am. Join us for lunch and a seminar on “End of Life Preparations”. Sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, November 1st, 12:00pm – Sign up for Cass Cay Restaurant at Burnt Store Marina in Punta Gorda.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, November 5th, 10:00am in Fellowship Hall We are studying “Becoming A Woman of Beauty & Strength” (a book about *Esther*) by Elizabeth George. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. On November 5th we will study Lesson 17, Esther 7:1-10, “Pleading for Her People”. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, November 6th at 5:00pm. Barksdale and Bo host get-together dinners at their home for groups of eight. Sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office to reserve a night. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

WELCOME BACK DINNER – Wednesday, November 13th at 5:00pm. Join us for a Potluck Dinner and Trivia night in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the church foyer.

SERMON ON THE SAND – Sunday, December 1st, at 8:00am. This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on December 1st.

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 2024 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)

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

October 20th – October 27th

Sunday, October 20 **Deacon’s Fund Sunday**
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time
6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, October 21
11:00am Burgers for Badges
2:00pm Session

Wednesday, October 23
10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, October 24
10:00am Game Fellowship
4:00pm Holiday Ensemble

Friday, October 25
12:15pm Mission Trip to Immokalee

Sunday, October 27 **Reformation Sunday**
9:30am Membership Class
10:15am Hymn Sing
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time
6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

1 Peter 4:10-12

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 5:15-16 - Time

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

James 1:16-17 - Talent

Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - Treasure

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



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 20, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Kathy Belville
USHERS	Roy Belville, Marjorie Haun, Billie Sixt, Linda Wagar