
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymns Immortal

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me (based on Clair de Lune)* arr. Fred Bock
Nancy Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INTROIT *This is the House of the Lord* Donald Moore
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #33** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***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 *Free Like Me* Teresa Jennings
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Cathedral Shadows* Dennis Elliot

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of praise and thanks for Your presence and Your love. We praise You for Your church and its witness and ministry to all. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by Your Spirit and further the ministries of Your church through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #526** *The Solid Rock*

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47

MESSAGE *Fellowship of Believers* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

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

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #231** *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart*

POSTLUDE *The Echoing Skies* Roger C. Wilson

*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 who Grieve

Please pray for the family of Diane Culver-Truby, who went home to the Lord on October 25th.

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 Roy and Kathy Belville in honor of Roy's mom, Irene Belville.

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

NOVEMBER 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

	October 2023	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,143.15	\$227,175.00
Cash Expenditures	\$21,795.99	\$228,625.26
Net	(\$2,652.84)	(\$1,450.26)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

BIBLE READING PLAN -- Reading guides and Bibles are in the church foyer.

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.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING – This year we will support *St. Vincent de Paul's* "Thanksgiving Meals Project". Please use the Special Gifting or Pew envelopes for your donations through November 19th. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS JOY-DRIVE – Misión Peniel (Immokalee) – Be a blessing to needy children and families this Christmas. Choose a gift tag on the tree in the church foyer, buy a gift, and return it in a gift bag by November 26th. Donations are also accepted.

DEACON'S FUND – Next Sunday, November 19th, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

MURAL WALK – TOMORROW at 9:30am – Sign up for a walking tour of downtown Punta Gorda and learn the history of the murals by our guide, Pastor Barksdale.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, November 15th, 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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, November 17th, 12:00pm – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Laishley Crab House in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

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.

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY – Next Sunday, November 19th, we will offer our 2024 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church. *Narrative Budget Booklets and Pledge Cards are in the back of the sanctuary and in the church foyer.*

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES – Next Sunday, November 19th at 3:00pm, featuring the Barefoot Trio. This trio of flute, viola and harp will perform an enchanting fall performance of music presenting works by Claude Debussy, Carl Nielsen, Andre Jolivet and more. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, November 21st at 10:00am – "Losing a Beautiful Queen" – Esther 1:10-22. 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.*

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – Sign up in the church foyer to help decorate our church *Saturday, November 25th, 9:00am.*

PEACE RIVER GARDENS – RESCHEDULED for Tuesday, November 28th at 9:30am – Sign up now to tour the beautiful Peace River Gardens (their "Glass in the Gardens" show) in Punta Gorda.

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. Sign up in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Wednesday, December 6th, 5:00pm. Turkey and ham will be provided. Sign up in the church foyer to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

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

November 12th to November 19th

Sunday, November 12

9:00am Welcome Back Breakfast
 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 11:30am Fellowship Time
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Facebook)

Monday, November 13

9:30am Mural Walk
 10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, November 14

10:00am Mission Team

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch
 7:00pm Concert at Burnt Store Pres

Sunday, November 19

Pledge Dedication Sunday
Deacon’s Fund Sunday
 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 11:30am Fellowship Time
 3:00pm Concert Series – Barefoot Trio
 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Facebook)

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SERMON NOTES

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Bible Readings

November 12	Acts 12:6-14:20
November 13	Acts 14:21-28 Galatians 1:1-3:23
November 14	Galatians 3:24-6:18 Acts 15:1-21
November 15	Acts 15:22-17:15
November 16	Acts 17:16-18:3 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5:11
November 17	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 2 Thessalonians 1:1-3:18 Acts 18:4-23
November 18	Acts 18:24-19:20 1 Corinthians 1:1-3:23



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.

November 12, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Sam Cessna
USHERS	Marjorie Haun, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte, Billie Sixt