WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Blended Christian Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In The Garden* C. Austin Miles

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #444** *I Love To Tell The Story (vs. 1,3)*
***HYMN #445** *People Need the Lord*

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

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**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY - ** Solemn Melody Allanson G. Y. Brown

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear Lord, here and now we bring our gifts to You and to the church. We ask You to receive our gifts for ministry and service. But more, Lord, receive our love, and with our love and Your divine love, may we keep on building Your kingdom here as it is in heaven. In our Master's name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #151** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:35-41; 5:21-24, 35-43

MESSAGE *Power* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***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.

COMMUNION AND HYMN *You Satisfy*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

***HYMN #410** *Standing on the Promises*

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Postludium in F* Chester Nordman

*Please stand, if able

**You may give securely online at www.fpcpunta.org
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 Ground Up Ministries, a ministry for human trafficking in Florida.
- 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

Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner Lynn Lang Dave Sifferd

NOTES

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale's prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Email your praise or petition to first@fpcpunta.org. Indicate if your prayer is for the Pastor only, church email prayer list, or prayer team on Sundays – or all of the above.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Larry and Sue Mesler to the Glory of God.

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 – *We are working on an updated directory. If your contact information has changed, please let the office know. Thank you!*

FLOWERS – *May be sponsored for **$45.00***. 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 Missions Newsletters, notes and messages of interest on the Bulletin Board in the church foyer.

OUR DAILY BREAD – A booklet of daily devotionals is in the back of the Sanctuary.

STREAMING MINISTRY – Live stream our services on our website homepage (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo ***YouTube***.

FACEBOOK PAGE – If you are on Facebook, don't forget to follow our page for the latest happenings – https://www.facebook.com/FPCPGFL.

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

	September 2026	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	$16,611.19	$182,710.07
Cash Expenditures	$18,924.22	$186,136.92
Net	($2,313.03)	($3,426.85)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES

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

HURRICANE SEASON – If a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, but you may join us online. We have a text messaging system to notify folks if Services/Events are canceled. ***Please note: You cannot reply to these text messages.***

CHURCH LIBRARY – Looking for a good book, help with a theological question, Christian biography, or a devotional? Just log on to this website and search: https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FPCPG. ***Check out our book display in the foyer***.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING – Support St. Vincent de Paul through a "Thanksgiving Meals Project". Please consider making a financial donation and use the Special Gifting envelopes on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church foyer. Return envelopes by November 22nd.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, November 3rd – Joshua! *This study by Jen Wilkin is led by Kathy Belville. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am. All are welcome!*

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00am. We are studying Paul's letter to the Romans. Everyone is invited, led by Pastor Barksdale.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – Thursday, November 5th, 10:00am -- All ladies are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, November 6th, 11:30am – Sign up for Lime Tequila in Port Charlotte.

STAINED CLASS DEDICATION BREAKFAST -- Sunday, November 8th, 9:00am. Join us early this Sunday for a potluck breakfast as we celebrate the installation of our stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary. Crafted by church members Rick and Kay Berner. Sign up in the church foyer. ***(If you would like to contribute to the cost of materials, just put "glass" on the check memo line, or online in the comment section. Thanks)***

GRIEFSHARE SEMINAR – Monday, November 9th, 10am – 12pm – "Surviving The Holidays". This seminar offers practical, actionable help for navigating the holiday season after loss. The two-hour program includes a video featuring people who have experienced grief during the holidays, as well as insight from Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. Participants will receive a *Holiday Survival Guide* with practical strategies, encouraging words, exercises, questions and answers, and journaling ideas. The holiday season may not be easy, but you can walk through it in a way that honors your loved one and supports health and healing. Sign up now.

GROUND UP MINISTRIES – The Ground Up Ministry provides a safe home for girls. At their safe house in Cape Coral, we will do activities such as crafts and baking. (We will sign an NDA (Non-disclosure agreement). ***See Patti MacDonald to sign up for Tuesday, November 10th at 2:00pm.***

CHOIR – Rehearses Thursday, November 12th, 4:30pm and Sings on Sunday, November 15th. Our anthem is "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

WELCOME BACK SUPPER -- Wednesday, November 18th, 5:00pm. Join us at this church potluck as we reconnect with our seasonal friends. Sign up now.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is ***Friday, November 20th, 12:30pm***. Please meet at church. We need 12 people to sign up in the church foyer.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Saturday, November 28th at 9:00am. *Sign up!*

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – 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 SHOWER MINISTRY* – (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot)** – Please place "shower" items on the table in Fellowship Hall.

***MISSIONS SUPPORT* –** If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2026 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)
Ground Up Ministries (Cape Coral)
Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)
Misión Peniel (Immokalee)
St. Vincent de Paul (Punta Gorda)
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

November 1 – November 8

Sunday, November 1	**Communion Sunday**
10:30am	**Worship Service (Also Online)**
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB
Tuesday, November 3	**Election Day**
10:00am	Women's Bible Study
1:00pm	Fellowship Team
Wednesday, November 4	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Thursday, November 5	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
Friday, November 6	
11:30am	Ladies Lunch Bunch
Sunday, November 8	**Stained Glass Dedication**
9:00am	Breakfast - Potluck
10:30am	**Worship Service (Also Online)**
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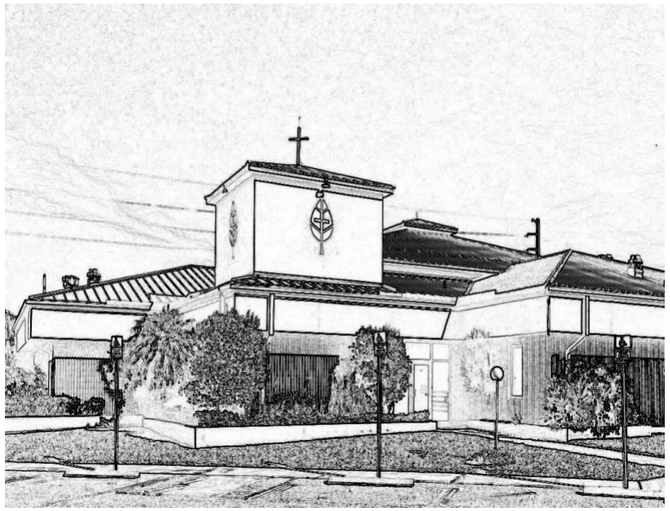
ELDERS

Kathy Belville – Deacons / Missions
Bev Brady – Fellowship / Worship / Finance
Sam Cesssna – Admin / Property / Worship
Merrilyn Ellison – Missions / Fellowship
Bruce Peters – Admin / Finance
Barksdale Pullen – Discipleship / Worship
Andy Schulte – Admin / Property
Gail Thornton – Clerk of Session / Missions

DEACONS

Merrilyn Ellison – Deacon of Visitation
Linda Wagar – Deacon of Loaves and Fishes
Katie Schulte – Deacon of Parish Nursing
Marjorie Haun – Deacon of Communications
Patti MacDonald – Deacon of Bereavement
Laurel Aumend – Deacon of Flowers
Roy Belville – Deacon of Helping Hands
Kathy Belville – Deacon of Communion
Lili Bush – Deacon of Kitchen
Susie Lorenz – Deacon of Prayer Shawl
Maria Greene – Deacon of Library
Sharon Fant – Assistant Librarian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Punta Gorda



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 1, 2026 **10:30am**

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Kathy Belville
USHERS	Linda Avallone, Sharon Fant, Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna
A/V TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson