

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC	Assurance	arr. John Ness Beck
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Prelude and Fugue in F	J. S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #63	All Creatures of Our God and King	
*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		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Thank You, Lord / Give Thanks	
	Diane Curtis, Soloist and Randy Curtis, Piano	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)		
OFFERTORY - **	Amazing Grace	arr. John Ness Beck
*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 #572	Blessed Assurance	
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1:15-23	
MESSAGE	Thanksgiving	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #734	Be Strong in the Lord	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #232	God Be with You (vs. 1)	
POSTLUDE	Praeludium in G minor	J. S. Bach
*Please stand, if able		

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER		
Prayer Focus		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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		
Rachel Pfaender	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Rick Berner
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Dave Sifferd
NOTES		
GUEST MUSICIAN – We welcome back Randy and Diane Curtis today as our Guest Musicians. Randy is currently the Director of Music/Organist for First Presbyterian Church ECO in Greenville, PA.		
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 today by Bo and Karen Sostar in Memory of Robert and Lorraine Sostar (Bo’s parents).		
CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
JANUARY NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
CHURCH DIRECTORIES – Available in the church office.		
FLOWERS – May be sponsored for <u>\$37.50</u> . 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.		
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

	December 2025	Year-to-Date (\$260,000 Budget)
Tithes & Offerings	\$24,167.19	\$259,459.95
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,504.38</u>	<u>\$261,197.45</u>
Net	\$2,662.81	(\$1,737.50)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES	
GATHER FOR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm</u> (FaceBook online). Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org .	
JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL COLLECTION – Jesus Loves You Ministry is collecting Men's & Women's (New or good condition) — tennis shoes, shoes, jeans or cargo pants, new underwear. Tarps, sleeping bags, bed rolls, tents. So, here's an opportunity to clear out your closets. Just bring these items to church and our Mission Team will deliver them.	
MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is Friday, January 30th, 12:15pm . Please meet at our church. We need 12 people to sign up in the church foyer.	
SERMON ON THE SAND – Pastor Barksdale delivers the message on Sunday, February 15th at 8:00am at Fishermen’s Village .	
VALENTINES MEMORIAL SERVICE – Sunday, February 15th, 11:30am . This is a short service of remembrance for those who passed away in 2025 from our church family and in memory of other loved ones. We will begin in the Sanctuary and move to the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden	
CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING – Please plan to attend on Sunday, February 22nd, 11:30am .	
ACTIVITIES / EVENTS	
DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, January 28th, at 10:00am – Join us as we journey through Paul’s powerful letter to the Galatians! This study will explore the heart of Christian freedom, the grace of God through faith, and what it means to live by the Spirit rather than the law. Together, we’ll unpack the historical context, key theological themes, and practical lessons that speak directly to our lives today. Everyone is welcome.	
LUNCH ‘N’ LEARN – Wednesday, January 28th, 12:00pm – Sign up for this presentation by Sky Med. <i>Lunch is provided</i> . Many people assume that their health insurance is enough for travel, and that adding travel insurance will cover all “unexpected moments,” but that’s not the case. Being stranded far from your preferred hospital shouldn’t be an option, yet many accept this as sufficient. Emergencies strike without warning, and that’s where SkyMed comes in—offering peace of mind and potentially saving you thousands of dollars if you ever need medical evacuation while traveling.	
LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – Thursday, January 29th, at 10:00am -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.	
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, February 3rd, at 10:00am – We will begin a new study - “Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight” (Lesson 1) by Jennifer Rothschild. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome!	
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, February 6th, 11:30am – Sign up for Peter’s Restaurant in Port Charlotte.	
VALENTINE DINNER & MOVIE – Wednesday, February 11th, 5:00pm – Sign up for a Potluck Dinner and watch a movie to celebrate Valentine’s Day.	
PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, March 4th, 5:00pm – Barksdale and Bo will host get-together dinners for groups of eight at their home. There is no agenda, lesson, or study, just a time to get together for fellowship. Sign up in the church foyer or call/email the church office.	

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 2025 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)
- 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

January 25 – February 1

Sunday, January 25

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

Wednesday, January 28

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
- 12:00pm Lunch ‘n’ Learn – Sky Med

Thursday, January 29

- 10:00am Ladies Cards Fellowship

Sunday, February 1

- 10:30am Communion Sunday
- 11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 6:00pm Fellowship Time
- Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (details to follow)

- February 11th – Valentine’s Supper & Movie, 5:00pm
- February 15th – Annual Memorial Service, 11:30am
- February 18th – Ash Wednesday Service, Noon
- March 4th – Pullen Up A Chair, 5:00pm
- March 8th – Daylight Savings Time
- March 11th - St. Patrick's Dinner, 5:00pm
- March 25th – Lunch ‘n’ Learn – Latest Senior Scams, Noon
- March 29th to April 12th – St. Vincent Food Drive
- March 29th – Palm Sunday
- April 2nd – Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm
- April 3rd – Good Friday Service, Noon
- April 5th – Easter Sunday
- April 6th – Peace River Botanical Gardens Outing, 10:00am
- April 20th - Burgers For Badges, 11:00am – 1:00pm
- May 10th – Mother’s Day
- June 17th – Church Picnic at Ponce de Leon Park, 5:00pm
- June 21st – Father’s Day
- July 15th – Christmas in July Supper & Movie, 5:00pm



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 as we lift our hearts and voices in praise.

We are glad to welcome each guest and friend, and that you have chosen to worship God with this congregation.

January 25, 2026		10:30am
PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen	
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman	
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad	
LITURGIST	Bev Brady	
USHERS	Donna DeBree, Pete DeBree, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte	
A/V TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson	