
WORSHIP SERVICE

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

*Please stand, if able

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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

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 bmullen3@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 **\$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.

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 – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm (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. *Lunch is provided*. 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
11:30am
6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

Wednesday, January 28

10:00am
10:00am
12:00pm

Donuts & Doctrine
Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Lunch 'n' Learn – Sky Med

Thursday, January 29

10:00am

Ladies Cards Fellowship

Sunday, February 1

10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Communion Sunday
Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

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

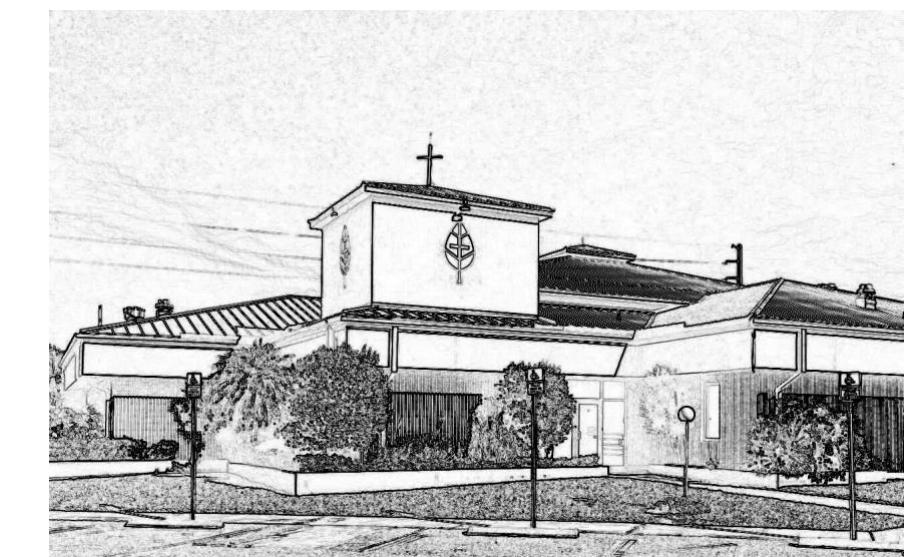
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(and by appointment)

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.



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
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS
A/V TECH

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Bev Brady
Donna DeBree, Pete DeBree, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte
George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson