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## WORSHIP SERVICE

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		Nancy Smith
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i> Nancy Smith, Piano	arr. Fred Bock
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #210	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	
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. ( <i>Silent Confession</i> )		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		
*GLORIA PATRI		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
OFFERTORY - **	<i>Come Unto Me</i>	David Paxton
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Thanks be to You, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.		
*HYMN #596	<i>I Surrender All</i>	
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 2:1-10	
MESSAGE	<i>Grace Through Faith</i>	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	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)		
*HYMN #431	<i>Shine, Jesus Shine</i>	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #425	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	
POSTLUDE	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i>	Edward Broughton

\*Please stand, if able

\*\*You may give securely online at [www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org)

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

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## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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### 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

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## NOTES

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**PRAYER EMAIL LIST** – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale's prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at [bmullen3@fpcpunta.org](mailto:bmullen3@fpcpunta.org).

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Email your praise or petition to [first@fpcpunta.org](mailto: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 Joan Hoffman in memory of George's birthday.

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

**FEBRUARY 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](http://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	<b><u>(\$1,737.50)</u></b>

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES

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

**SERMON ON THE SAND** – Pastor Barksdale delivers the message on **Sunday, February 15th at 8:00am at Fishermen's Village**.

**MISIÓN PENIEL** – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, February 20th, 9:15am**. Please meet at our church. We need 6 people to sign up in the church foyer.

**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**. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Annual Report and elect elders for the Class of 2028.

### ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – **Tuesday, February 3rd, at 10:00am** – We will begin a new study - "Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight" (pages 10 and 11 in workbook) by Jennifer Rothschild. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome! See Kathy Belville for more information.

**DONUTS & DOCTRINE** – **Wednesday, February 4th, 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.

**LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP** – **Thursday, February 5th, at 10:00am** – All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** – **Friday, February 6th, 11:30am** – Sign up for Peter's Restaurant in Port Charlotte.

**VALENTINE SUPPER & MOVIE** – **Wednesday, February 11th, 5:00pm** – Sign up for a Potluck Dinner and watch a movie to celebrate Valentine's Day.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** – **Wednesday, February 18th, Noon**.

**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

### February 1 – February 8

#### Sunday, February 1

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

#### Tuesday, February 3

10:00am      Women's Bible Study  
1:00pm      Fellowship Team

#### Wednesday, February 4

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

#### Thursday, February 5

10:00am      Ladies Cards Fellowship

#### Friday, February 6

11:30am      Ladies Lunch Bunch

#### Sunday, February 8

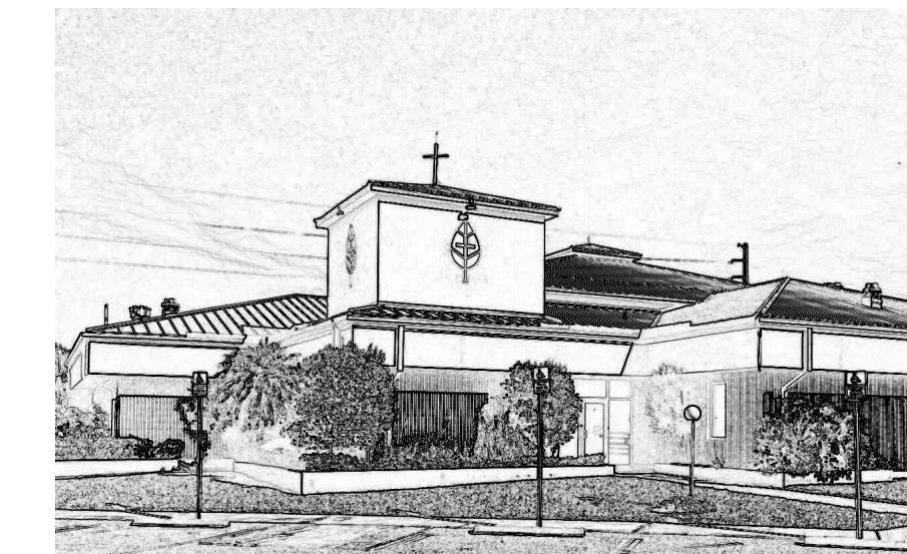
10:30am      Worship Service (Also Online)  
Fellowship Time  
6:00pm      Prayer Meeting-FB

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(and by appointment)

## SERMON NOTES

### Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



### 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.*

**February 1, 2026**

**10:30am**

**PASTOR**

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

**ORGANIST**

Denny Ausman

**OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN**

Debbie Rostad

**LITURGIST**

Bev Brady

**USHERS**

Marjorie Haun, Billie Sixt, Sam Cessna, Don Willecke

**A/V TECH**

George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson