

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC	Rachel Cox, Violin	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Reflections	James M. Stephenson
	Rachel Cox, Violin	
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #648	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	
*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	Palladio	Karl Jenkins, arr. Robert Longfield
	Rachel Cox, Violin	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)		
OFFERTORY - **	Tranquility	Roger C. Wilson
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Loving God, as You have shared life and love with us, lead us to share even more generously our lives and our love. May we know that as we give and share, others come to know You in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to You so that through Your church we might be helpful and generous in love to a world in great need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.		
*HYMN #564	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	
SCRIPTURE	2 John 12-13	
MESSAGE	Living Out The Truth	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #401	The Church's One Foundation	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #508		
Love Lifted Me (Refrain)		
POSTLUDE	Postlude On A Medieval Tune	John Troutman
*Please stand, if able		
**You may give securely online at www.fpcpunta.org		
Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth		CCLI #1140231 CVLI #505541137

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 Hope Academy, 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 Misi3n 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 Minty Ausman		
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 – Flowers are given to the Glory of God.		
Cell Phones – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
Summer 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 in the church foyer.		
Our Daily Bread – These daily devotionals are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.		
Streaming Ministry – Livestream our services (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo <i>vimeo livestream</i> .		
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!		
Gather for Prayer – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.</u>		
Hurricane Season – As we enter into Florida’s hurricane season we want to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don’t travel if you are not comfortable, but you may join us online. Also, we have a text messaging system to notify folks if Services/Events are canceled. If you do not want to receive a text message, please notify the church office. Please note: You cannot reply to these text messages.		
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		

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	July 2026	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,400.21	\$146,920.65
Cash Expenditures	\$21,489.13	\$147,216.68
Net	(\$2,088.92)	(\$296.03)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

PRESBYTERY VOLUNTEERS – On October 2nd – 3rd, FPC will host the Florida Presbytery of our denomination (ECO); we are expecting around 80 people. Please sign up in the church foyer to help.

CHOIR OPPORTUNITY – Sign up to sing in a choir once a month, starting in September.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, August 18th at 10:00am* – “*The Holy Spirit*”, a weekly in-depth study, led by Gail Thornton.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Resumes Wednesday, September 2nd at 10:00am*. We will be looking at Paul's longest letter – Romans. His letter to the church in Rome can and should change us. We should walk away knowing Jesus more clearly, understanding the gospel more accurately, abandoning sin more thoroughly, feeling grace more deeply, and grasping more faithfully the large story of God's sovereign purposes for this world and his faithful achievement of those purposes in spite of evil and sin. Everyone invited, led by Pastor Barksdale.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – *Thursday, August 20th, at 10:00am* -- All ladies are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, August 21st, 11:30am* – Sign up for Salty Tarpon in Punta Gorda.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, August 28th, 9:30am*. Please meet at our church. We need 6 - 8 people to sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, September 2nd at 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 – 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)

Misión Peniel (Immokalee)

Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)

Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)

Ground Up Ministries (Cape Coral)

Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

Stand In The Gap Fund - (supports missionaries and ministries with unexpected financial burdens)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 23

<u>Sunday, August 16</u>	Deacon's Fund Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
<u>Monday, August 17</u>	
1:00pm	Session
<u>Tuesday, August 18</u>	
10:00am	Women's Bible Study
<u>Wednesday, August 19</u>	
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
<u>Thursday, August 20</u>	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
<u>Friday, August 21</u>	
11:30am	Ladies Lunch Bunch
<u>Sunday, August 23</u>	
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)



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.

August 16, 2026

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Katie Schulte
USHERS	Linda Avallone, Merrilyn Ellison, Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna
AV/TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff

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