WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Christian Jazz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

John M. Rasley

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN #3

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our gracious and patient God, we confess that we too often allow our fears to determine what we do and say. We fail to trust Your promises or believe in Your power. We forget that You are greater than any of our fears or problems. Please forgive our lack of faith and remind us that there is nothing in this world that we need to fear for You are always with us. (Silent Confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY - **

Cathedral Shadows

Denis Eliot

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, these gifts we bring are our expression of our thanks for who You are and what You mean to us. As we present them to You, we also commit ourselves to love and serve You with grateful hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*HYMN #648 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:1-4

MESSAGE It's Real Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION AND HYMN Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether

PRAYER OF THANKSIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*HYMN #444 I Love to Tell the Story

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #436 Freely, Freely (Refrain)
POSTLUDE O Lamb of God Benton Price

POSTLUDE*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 #505503731

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 Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Those Who Grieve

Pray for former member Joyce Rebholz and family, whose husband Donald went home to the Lord in May at the age of 98.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner Lynn Lang Ron Sixt Dave Sifferd

NOTES

PRAYER QUOTE – "Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between his will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer." — *Elisabeth Elliot*

FLOWERS - The flowers are given by Laurel Aumend in memory of her father, Gene Aumend.

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.

 $\ensuremath{\textit{BULLETIN BOARD}}$ – Check out notes and messages of interest in the church foyer.

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

 $\it OUR\ DAILY\ BREAD$ – These daily devotionals are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

STREAMING MINISTRY – Live stream our services on our website homepage (<u>fpcpunta.org</u>) by clicking the logo *vimeo livestream*.

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</u> online. Please submit any prayer requests to <u>first@fpcpunta.org</u>.

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

| | <u>June 2025</u> | Year-to-Date |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$19,936.20 | \$122,744.95 |
| Cash Expenditures | \$21,259.98 | <u>\$131,503.61</u> |
| Net | (\$1,323,78) | (\$8,758.66) |

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, August 6th at 10:00am – Zechariah: Mosaics of the Messiah - Join us as we look at the message of hope and restoration to the Jewish people returning from exile, emphasizing God's faithfulness and the coming of a righteous King who will establish His kingdom. All are welcome!

DINNER and THE CHOSEN SEASON 5 - Wednesday, August 6th at 5:00pm. Sign up!

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – Join us on Thursday, August 7th at 10:00am – We meet every Thursday morning for cards and conversation. All ladies welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH - Friday, August 15th, 11:30am - Sign up for Skillets in Port Charlotte.

SERMON ON THE SAND - Pastor Barksdale delivers the message on Sunday, August 24th at 8:00am.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is Friday, August 29th, 9:00am - Meet at the church. We need 6 people for this mission trip! Sign up in the church foyer.

HURRICANE SEASON – As we are still in 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 **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) 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 3 - AUGUST 10

| Sunday, August 3 | Communion Sunday | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 10:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) | |
| 11:30am | Fellowship Time | |
| 6:00pm | Prayer Meeting (Online) | |
| Wednesday, August 6 | | |
| 10:00am | Donuts & Doctrine | |
| 10:00am | Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry | |
| 5:00pm | Dinner and The Chosen | |
| Thursday, August 7 | | |
| 10:00am | Ladies Cards Fellowship | |
| Sunday, August 10 | | |
| 10:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) | |
| 11:30am | Fellowship Time | |
| 6:00pm | Prayer Meeting (Online) | |
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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 3, 2025 10:30am

PASTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS
AV/TECH
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Bev Brady
Merrilyn Ellison, Billie Sixt, Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna
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