
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Gospel Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Tranquil Waters* John Scriveyner

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*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 AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

OFFERTORY *Great Peace is Mine* Roger C. Wilson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear Lord, here and now we bring our gifts to You and to the church. We ask You to receive our gifts for ministry and service. But more, Lord, receive our love, and with our love and Your divine love, may we keep on building Your kingdom here as it is in heaven. In our Master's name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #772** *When We All Get to Heaven*

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-6

MESSAGE *Heaven* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #778** *Sweet By and By*

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

POSTLUDE *Solemn March* Charles Marie Widor

*Please stand, if able

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 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 Who Grieve

Pray for the family of Marion Brown, who went home to the Lord on August 15th.

Those with Special Needs

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

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Marguerite O'Brien in memory of John J. O'Brien.

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

SEPTEMBER 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.

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

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

	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$14,690.36	\$193,038.02
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$18,561.89</u>	<u>\$175,290.61</u>
Net	(\$3,871.53)	\$ 17,747.41

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

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 – A reminder that 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>

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – Sign up in the church foyer to help with our Memorial Service receptions.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misi3n Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

SERMON ON THE SAND – *Sunday, September 15th at 8:00am*. This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on September 15th.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, September 18th at 10:00am* – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study II Peter. *All are welcome!*

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, September 20th, 12:00pm* – Sign up for Monty's Restaurant in Punta Gorda.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 – *Wednesday, September 25th. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm*, followed by the seventh episode of The Chosen Series - Season 4. Sign up in the church foyer.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – *Monday, September 30th at 11:30am*. Join us for lunch and a seminar on "Scams Affecting Seniors". Sign up in the church foyer.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Resumes Tuesday, October 1st, 10:00am in Fellowship Hall* – We are studying "Becoming A Woman of Beauty & Strength" (a book about *Esther*) by Elizabeth George. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. On October 1st we will study Lesson 15, Esther 6:1-9, "Spending a Sleepless Night". Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

BURGERS FOR BADGES – *Monday, October 21st, from 11:00am – 1:00pm*. Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign up in the church foyer to bring cookies or desserts.

MISI3N PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, October 25th* – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at *12:15pm*. Sign up in the church foyer.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – *Sunday, October 27th, 9:30am* – Join us for a one-class introduction to First Presbyterian Church. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS – Shower Ministry (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) – Please place “shower” items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2024 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)
- 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

September 15th – September 22nd

Sunday, September 15

8:00am	Deacon’s Fund Sunday
10:30am	Sermon on the Sand
11:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm	Fellowship Time
	Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, September 16

2:00pm	Session
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Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

10:00am	Game Fellowship
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Friday, September 20

12:00pm	Ladies Lunch Bunch
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Sunday, September 22

10:15am	Hymn Sing
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”



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.

September 15, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR
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OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
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