
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Judy Kaff and Linda Moreau, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Morning Meditation* David Paxton

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #68** *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

*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 *Festive Piece on "Simple Gifts"* arr. Joseph M. Martin
Judy Kaff and Linda Moreau, Piano

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

OFFERTORY *Thank You, Lord* Benton Price

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for You. Multiply them and use them to build Your church in this community. May they extend Your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of Your people. In His name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #99** *Thou Art Worthy, Great Jehovah*

SCRIPTURE 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

MESSAGE *Promise Fulfilled* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #672** *What a Mighty God We Serve*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #232** *God Be with You (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D Minor* G. Karganoff

*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 those who are still recovering from Hurricane Ian.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi, Eric Stone family, 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 Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Those who Grieve

Please pray for DeAnn Lehman and family, whose husband Ernie went home to the Lord on July 20th.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Dave Sifferd

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Larry and Sue Mesler in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

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 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>July 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$22,011.12	\$181,226.16
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$24,622.99</u>	<u>\$161,713.85</u>
Net	(\$2,611.87)	\$ 19,512.31

*The YTD amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given in January

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 – We are in the heart of hurricane season and wanted to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, join us online. Also, we have a text messaging system to notify members 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.**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – *Sunday, October 29th at 9:15am.* If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please join us for a one class introduction to FPC. (For Seasonal Residents, we have an Affiliate Membership, so you can maintain your Membership back home.)

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – **WE WILL NOT MEET ON AUGUST 23RD and 30TH. We will resume on Wednesday, September 6th, at 10:00am.** We continue our study of Mark. Mark is written primarily to Gentiles, and the ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, August 23rd at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then *stay for the last episode of Season 3 of The Chosen.* Sign up in the church foyer.

THE CHOSEN ON TV – For those who have missed the first two seasons of *The Chosen*, it is now on TV, on the CW channel. The three existing seasons of the series are airing on the CW network on Sundays at 8:00pm, ET/PT, with the Season 3 finale scheduled to air on Christmas Eve. A fourth season of the series is currently in production, with seven seasons planned.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Mark your calendar for *Friday, August 25th* -- we will be helping at the Mission bagging groceries from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, September 1st, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Peter's Restaurant in Port Charlotte. **All ladies are invited!**

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, September 6th at 5:00pm.* Barksdale and Bo host a get-together dinner at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS – *Resume on Thursday, September 7th at 4:30pm.* Rehearsals last about an hour. If you love to sing, please join us for rehearsals on Thursdays and church services on Sunday mornings. The choir begins singing anthems on October 1st. Call Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE -- WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, September 20th at 5:00pm* – Join us for a Potluck Dinner and stay to watch the new movie *Jesus Revolution.*

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES for 2023-2024 is set. The Season Brochure is available in the church foyer or on our website www.fpcpunta.org under Ministries / Concert Series. The first concert is Sunday, November 19th at 3:00pm, featuring the Barefoot Trio.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

MAUI SUPPORT – A reminder that our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO's go-to resource for long-term disaster relief. We echo their current request for prayer for those affected by the Maui wildfires. We will keep our ECO family updated if they are able to respond or if they will recommend partner organizations to support. You may learn more about how World Renew Disaster Response Services rebuilds hope and shares God's love through holistic disaster recovery work here:

<https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services>

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 2022 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)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

August 20th to August 27th

Sunday, August 20	Deacon's Fund Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)
Monday, August 21	
2:00pm	Session
Wednesday, August 23	
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
5:00pm	Dinner and The Chosen Movie
Thursday, August 24	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
Friday, August 25	
11:00am	MISIÓN PENIEL
Sunday, August 27	
10:15am	Hymn Sing
10:30pm	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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SERMON NOTES

2 Chronicles 36:22-23

²² Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: ²³ “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.’”

Bible Readings

August 20	Ezekiel 17:1-19:14
August 21	Ezekiel 20:1-22:16
August 22	Ezekiel 22:17-23:49
	2 Kings 24:20-25:2
	Jeremiah 52:3-5
	Jeremiah 39:1
	Ezekiel 24:1-14
August 23	Ezekiel 24:15-25:17
	Jeremiah 34:1-22
	Jeremiah 21:1-14
	Ezekiel 29:1-16
	Ezekiel 30:20-31:18
August 24	Jeremiah 32:1-33:26
	Ezekiel 26:1-14
August 25	Ezekiel 26:15-28:26
	2 Kings 25:3-7
	Jeremiah 52:6-11
	Jeremiah 39:2-10
August 26	Jeremiah 39:11-18
	Jeremiah 40:1-6
	2 Kings 25:8-21
	Jeremiah 52:12-27
	2 Chronicles 36:15-21
	Lamentations 1:1-22



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 20, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Kathy Belville
USHERS	Sharon Albright, Roy Belville, Bev Brady, Billie Sixt