
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Stephanie Staples

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus Is* Stephanie Staples

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #139** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***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 *Still Waters* Stephanie Staples

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, accept these gifts as signs of our desire to serve You. Make our offerings to be instruments of peace and grace in the world. Use them to heal the sick, and to bring hope to the brokenhearted, comfort for the afflicted, justice for the oppressed and good news to all. And let all that we do be a foretaste of Your reign on earth. In Jesus's name. Amen.

***HYMN #11** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 95

MESSAGE *Thanksgiving* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #170** *Give Thanks*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

POSTLUDE *Everything* Stephanie Staples

*Please stand, if able

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

Those Who Grieve

Pray for George Albright, whose wife Sharon went home to the Lord on November 3rd. Her Celebration of Life Service was held in our Sanctuary on November 18th.

Pray for the family of Myles MacDonald who went home to the Lord on November 3rd. Myles was a retired Pastor, who preached here from time to time.

Those with Special Needs

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

NOTES

WELCOME – We welcome Christian Singer / Songwriter Stephanie Staples as our Worship Leader, joined by her husband Erik Rostad on violin. Erik and Stephanie are the son and daughter-in-law of Debbie and Pete Rostad. They live in Franklin, TN with their daughters Scotlyn and Lilia. Stephanie's website is stephaniestaples.com.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Marjorie Haun in memory of husband Ken.

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

NOVEMBER 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@fcpunta.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 (fcpunta.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

	October 2024	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$15,859.44	\$236,497.05
Cash Expenditures	\$20,482.83	\$217,438.24
Net	(\$4,623.39)	\$ 19,058.81

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

CHURCH LIBRARY – If you would like to oversee the care of our Library, please contact Kathy Belville for more information. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL GIFTING – This year we will again support St. Vincent de Paul through a "Thanksgiving Meals Project". Please consider making a financial donation and use the Special Gifting envelopes on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church foyer. **Please return your envelopes TODAY.**

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY – Today we offer our 2025 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let's respond to God's generosity with generous giving to His church. **Narrative Budget Booklets and Pledge Cards are in the back of the sanctuary and in the church foyer.**

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Saturday, November 30th at 9:00am – Come and help decorate our Church for Christmas. Sign up in the church foyer.

SERMON ON THE SAND – **Next Sunday, December 1st, at 8:00am** - every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, December 3rd, 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 December 3rd we will study Lesson 19, Esther 8:9-17, "Sending Glad Tidings". Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – Tuesday, December 3rd at 12:00pm. Join us for lunch and a seminar on "Wills & Trusts". Sign up in the church foyer.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00am – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study "A Healthy Church" using I and II Timothy. *All are welcome!*

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE – Thursday, December 5th at 4:00pm. Sign up in the church foyer to sing in our Holiday Ensemble to work on music from "A New and Glorious Morn", by Lloyd Larson. **We will sing on December 8th and 15th.** This will help prepare our congregation for Advent and Christmas and will welcome people interested in singing with others and sharing together.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, December 6th, 12:00pm – Sign up for Peter's Restaurant in Port Charlotte.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is Friday, December 6th – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:15pm. *We need 12 people to sign up for these mission trips!* Sign up in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE at the Pullen's Home – Sundays, December 8th and 15th from 1:30pm – 3:30pm at 16323 Perdida Ct., Punta Gorda. Sign up in the church foyer to stop by the Pullen's home.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Wednesday, December 11th at 5:00pm. Join us for a Turkey Noodle Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the church foyer.

TWO PIANO GROUP CONCERT – This concert is being rescheduled for Spring 2025.

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

November 24th – December 1st

Sunday, November 24

10:15am
10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Pledge Sunday

Special Music with Stephanie Staples
Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

Wednesday, November 27

10:00am

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, November 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 30

9:00am

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 1

8:00am
10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

**First Sunday in Advent
Communion Sunday**

Sermon on the Sand
Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
"Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said,
'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'
So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'



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.

November 24, 2024

10:30am

PASTOR
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Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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