
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Gospel Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNER

PRELUDE *Peace Be Still* Franklin Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #207** *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

***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 #813**

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

OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert J. Hughes

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God, who has given to us so many gifts, Your generosity is sometimes even more than we can comprehend. We praise You for all Your loving gifts. Now we bring to You our gifts and our lives, dedicating them to You for service and ministry. May all that we do show to the world Your great love for all humankind. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #597** *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* (vs. 1,2,3,6)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 45:5-8

MESSAGE *What Do You Believe?* Pastor Steve Mock

***HYMN #680** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* Robert J. Hughes

*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 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 with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

GUEST PREACHER – Welcome to Pastor Steve Mock.

VACATION – Pastor Pullen will be on vacation from Saturday, June 17th–24th. If a need arises, please contact Gail Thornton.

NEW MEMBER – We welcome Merrilyn Ellison as a new Covenant Partner.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Billie Sixt in honor of fathers.

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

JUNE 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 [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!

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$17,051.58	\$124,487.91
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,452.42</u>	<u>\$116,226.46</u>
Net	(\$ 4,400.84)	\$ 8,261.45

*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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – *Our next class will be held in the Fall.* 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.)

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

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – Resumes Next Sunday, June 25th, at 9:15 - 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. As a Grandparent, you play an important role in your Grandchildren's lives – so important that your influence on them has eternal significance. Becoming an effective Grandparent isn't just another season of your life; it is a God-given calling! Come join us for inspiration, tools, and connection with others as we seek God's truth and guidance in becoming effective, loving Grandparents. This will be a 12-week video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale and Bo.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – WE WILL NOT MEET ON Wednesday, June 21st. We will resume on Wednesday, June 28th at 10:00am as we address some of the questions that have arisen from our chronological reading of the Bible, and general questions about the Christian faith.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, June 28th at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of *The Chosen*. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – Wednesday, July 5th at 5:00pm. Barksdale and Bo will 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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, July 7th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Monty's in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

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 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

June 18th to June 25th

Sunday, June 18

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

Deacon’s Fund Sunday

- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Wednesday, June 21

- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, June 22

- 10:00am Game Fellowship

Sunday, June 25

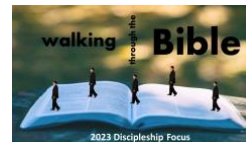
- 9:15am Grandparenting Matters
- 10:15am Hymn Sing
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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SERMON NOTES

Isaiah 45:5-8 (NIV)

⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.
 I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me,
⁶so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting
 people may know there is none besides me.
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷I form the light and create darkness,
 I bring prosperity and create disaster;
 I, the Lord, do all these things.
⁸“You heavens above, rain down my righteousness;
 let the clouds shower it down.
 Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up,
 let righteousness flourish with it;
 I, the Lord, have created it.



Bible Readings

- June 18 2 Kings 11:1-3; 11:4-12
 2 Chronicles 22:10-12; 23:1-11
 2 Kings 11:13-16; 11:17-21
 2 Chronicles 23:12-15; 23:16-21
 2 Kings 12:1-16
 2 Chronicles 24:1-22
 2 Kings 10:32-36
- June 19 2 Kings 13:1-11; 12:17-21
 2 Chronicles 24:23-27
 2 Kings 13:14-25
- June 20 2 Kings 14:1-14; 13:12-13
 2 Chronicles 25:1-24
 2 Kings 14:15-16; 14:23-27
 2 Chronicles 25:25-28; 26:1-21
 2 Kings 14:17-22; 15:1-15
 Jonah 1:1-4:11
- June 21 Amos 1:1-6:14
- June 22 Amos 7:1-9:15
 2 Kings 14:28-29; 15:8-29; 15:6-7
 2 Chronicles 2:22-23
 Isaiah 6:1-13
- June 23 2 Kings 15:32-38; 16:1-9
 2 Chronicles 27:1-9; 28:1-15
 Micah 1:1-16
 Isaiah 7:1-25
- June 24 Isaiah 8:1-11:16



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.

June 18, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Joan Byron
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Bev Brady

Sam Cessna, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte, Billie Sixt