
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		Hymn Sing
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	<i>The Breath of God</i>	Ray Landis
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
INTROIT	<i>O God Beyond All Praising</i>	G. Holst / Mark Hayes Chancel Choir
*HYMN #391		<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)		
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.		
*GLORIA PATRI #813		
ANTHEM	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	Albert E. Brumley Chancel Choir
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER	<i>(debt/debtors)</i>	
OFFERTORY	<i>Contemplation</i>	Franklin Ritter
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to You, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the gospel may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.		
*HYMN #562		<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
SCRIPTURE		Proverbs 1:7
MESSAGE	<i>Wisdom</i>	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #435		<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE		<i>Come, Holy Spirit</i>
POSTLUDE	<i>O Worship The King</i>	Roger C. Wilson

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth
CCLI #1140231 CVLI #505429337

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

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Joan Hoffman in memory of those who served our country.

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 **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>April</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$21,392.84	\$107,439.15
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$25,049.60</u>	<u>\$ 94,774.04</u>
Net	(\$ 3,656.76)	\$ 12,665.11

*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.)

MISSION'S SPRING PROJECTS – *Thank you for your financial donations for our Spring Projects.* The Mission Team will purchase **Tents** for *Jesus Loves You Ministry* and **Wheelchairs** for *Lisa Alfonsi in Lima, Peru.*

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Thursday, June 8th 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.

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – *June – August, Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15am – Begins Sunday, June 11th in 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 resume on Wednesday, June 14th 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 14th 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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, June 16th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Laishley Crab House 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

May 28th to June 4th

Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY – Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31

- 10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, June 1

- 10:00am Game Fellowship

Friday, June 2

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, June 4

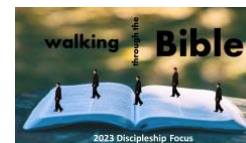
- COMMUNION SUNDAY**
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
 - 11:30am Fellowship Time
 - 6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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SERMON NOTES

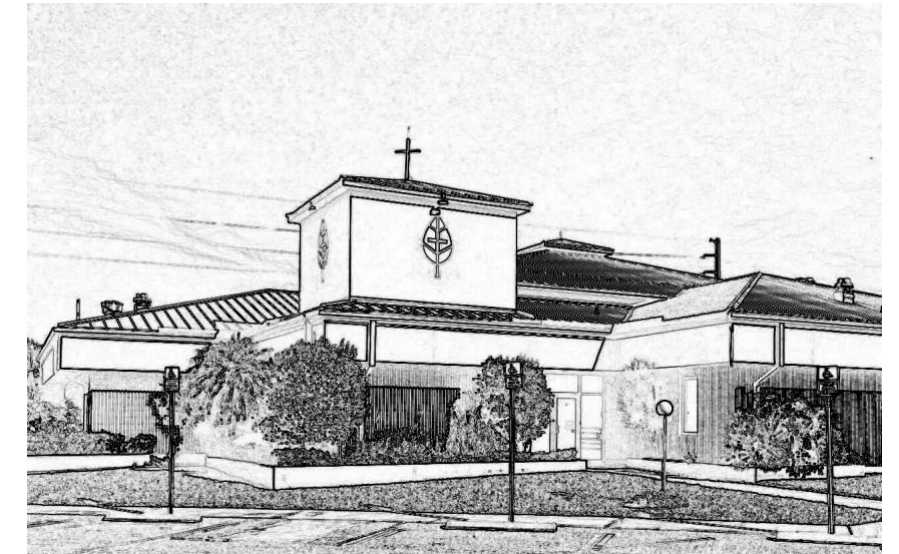
Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.



Bible Readings

- May 28 Proverbs 5:1-7:27
- May 29 Proverbs 8:1-10:32
- May 30 Proverbs 11:1-13:25
- May 31 Proverbs 14:1-16:33
- June 1 Proverbs 17:1-19:29
- June 2 Proverbs 20:1-22:16
- June 3 Proverbs 22:17-24:34



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.

May 28, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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Denny Ausman
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