
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Roger C. Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #8** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Great is Thy Faithfulness* William Runyon

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

OFFERTORY *In His Presence* Donald Lee Moore

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, like Abraham and Sarah, we have heard Your call. We respond with fledgling faith, offering what we have as we step into the unknown future with You. Bless and multiply these gifts of faith, we pray, to accomplish more than we dare think or ask. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 3:1-19; 4:12-16

MESSAGE *Warning #2 - Disbelief* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #300** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #426** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 3)*

POSTLUDE *Be Thou Exalted* Edward H. Wetherill

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth

CCLI #1140231 CVLI #5043864

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 Alfonsi and Eric Stone family, missionaries we support in Peru and Guatemala.
- 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 Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Nicaragua.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Those Who Grieve

Pray for the family of Dr. Hal Freeburn, former member, who went home to the Lord.

Those with Special Needs

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

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, Royal Palm

NOTES

NEW NAME TAGS – We have had a request for new name tags with magnets instead of our current clip ones. This Sunday on the Name Tag Table there will be an example of a new Magnetic Name Tag. If you would like one of these, please write your name on the sheet. Thanks!

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Joan and Ray Byron in honor of Arwen Burrows 16th birthday.

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.

LIBRARY IS OPEN – Stop by the expanded library and see the new titles and resources available to help in your Christian walk. (The puzzles are also there. 😊)

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!

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 – **Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30am** -- We will have a one class introduction to FPC. If you are interested in joining the church, or just finding out more information about FPC, please sign up in the church foyer.

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. We have a text messaging system to notify members if Services/Events are canceled. If you are a regular attender and wish to be included on the text message, please tell Pastor Barksdale or call the church office.

GREETER TEAM – Looking for a few individuals to rotate monthly in the foyer as Greeters. If interested, see Barksdale or Bev Brady.

CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING – **Sunday, October 2nd, following the Worship Service** – Make plans to stay for our Town Hall Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the church of the different activities - fellowship, service, and discipleship - for the fall season. The meeting is for members and regular attenders and will last about 30 minutes.

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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE – **Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.** This fall we look at the *Name Above All Names* – a study of the names of God as they describe His attributes in the Old Testament and New Testament. God's many names reveal not only different dimensions of His character but also point to their fulfillment in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. We can now see God in new lights and angles as we learn of His justice, His unbounded love, His preeminence, and His character -- all through His names. *This study is also online, simply go to our website at: <https://www.fpcpunta.org/name-above-all>.*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, October 4th at 10:00am** with Lesson 10 (James 2:14-17 "Showing Forth Your Faith") of *Growing in Wisdom & Faith, a study of James* by Elizabeth George from her "A Woman After God's Own Heart" series. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. *All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.*

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, October 5th, 5:00pm** – Barksdale and Bo will be hosting get-together dinners at their home on **October 5th and November 2nd**. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office to reserve a night. There is no agenda, lesson, or study, just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

CHANCEL CHOIR – We will begin working on our Christmas Cantata "*Tapestry of Light*" on **Thursday, October 6th, 4:30pm** – We are looking for extra singers for this cantata, which will be sung on Sunday, December 18th during the Worship Service. Notify the office or Joan Byron at 941-661-1553 or at jfbyron@comcast.net.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, October 7th, 12:00pm** – Join us for lunch at Bob Evans in Port Charlotte. Please sign up. *All ladies are invited!*

MEDICARE – Do you have any questions about your Medicare and what it will do for you next year? Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2023. Join him **Saturday, October 15th at 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Now is the best time to prepare for 2023. (No products will be sold during this meeting, it is informational.)

CROSSROADS BBQ – **Monday, October 17th, 11:30am** – Join us for a Barbecue lunch with the boys from Crossroads Hope Academy at our church's barbecue pit. Sign up to help in these ways: Setup – Serve – Bake Cookies – Takedown.

LUNCH 'N LEARN – Thursday, October 20th, 12:00pm – Timothy from Taylor Funeral Home will give a presentation on *Final Arrangements*. Sign up in the church foyer.

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES for 2022-2023 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 on Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00pm, featuring The Dunnemans.** Reg and Gretchen Dunneman sing their own special blend of gospel music, including southern gospel, traditional, hymn, and classical Christian styles. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

UKRAINE RELIEF: For those wanting to help those in need in Ukraine, here are four relief agencies that are doing work there now: Convoy of Hope (<https://convoyofhope.org/>), Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>), World Renew (<https://worldrenew.net/ukraine-response>), and The Outreach Foundation (<https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/ukraine-appeal>).

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.

Shower Ministry “Lunches” – Please consider a financial donation to support the lunches that we provide weekly for the Shower Ministry. (mark as “lunches”)

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

September 25th to October 2nd

Sunday, September 25

- 10:15am Hymn Sing
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting – FaceBook

Wednesday, September 28

- 10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, September 29

- 10:00am Game Fellowship
- 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Peace River Radio Assoc.

Sunday, October 2

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

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 3:1-19; 4:12-16

¹ Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. ⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, ⁹ where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. ¹⁰ That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ ¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’” ¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵ As has just been said “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.” ¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda
25250 Airport Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941-639-1959 (phone)
941-637-3763 (fax)

Email: first@fpcpunta.org
Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday
Website: fpcpunta.org



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 25, 2022

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
Joan Byron
Denny Ausman
Debbie Rostad
Kathy Belville

Sharon Albright, Marjorie Haun, Jean LaMantia, Patti Nuznoff