
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Dwelling In His Word* Robert J. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INTROIT *O Jesus, Sweet Jesus* George F. Root
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #591** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

***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**

ANTHEM *Great Is the Lord* Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *Moment By Moment* James Denton

***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 #170** *Give Thanks*

SCRIPTURE John 1:1,14; 20:30-31

MESSAGE *John – Jesus the Son of God* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #779** *I'll Fly Away*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #695** *Lead Me, Lord*

POSTLUDE *Praise Be to God* Matt Powers

*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 with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Diane Truby
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 to the Glory of God by Robert Cuzner.

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

OCTOBER 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>September 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$13,019.05	\$208,034.64
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,195.56</u>	<u>\$206,829.27</u>
Net	(\$10,176.51)	\$ 1,205.37

Third-Quarter Contribution Statements have been mailed.

If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

Thank you for your stewardship.

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 – During this hurricane season we want to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, join us online.

BIBLE READING PLAN -- Reading guides and Bibles are on the Church Information Table.

FALL MISSION PROJECT – Through mid-November we will collect Bath Towels (white) and Jeans (Sizes 30-36) for **Jesus Loves You Ministry**. You may bring in these items OR you may donate to this cause. Use Special Gifting or Pew envelopes. Thanks for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING – This year we will support **St. Vincent de Paul's** "Thanksgiving Meals Project". Please use the Special Gifting or Pew envelopes for your donations through November 19th. Thank you for your generosity.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – **Wednesday, October 25th, at 10:00am**. The Gospel of 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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – **NEXT 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.)

MISSIONARY LUNCHEON – **Wednesday, November 1st, 11:30am**. The first week in November we will be welcoming our missionaries Chasen & Katie Brokaw and their children Alexander and Bailey from Nicaragua. Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet them and learn about their ministry and current climate in the country. Mark your calendars now and sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, November 3rd, 12:00pm** – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Cheddar's Restaurant in Port Charlotte. **All ladies are invited!**

MEDICARE SEMINAR – **Saturday, November 4th, 10:00am – 12:00pm**. Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2024. No products will be sold during this meeting; it is informational.

CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING – **Sunday, November 5th, following the Worship Service**. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the 2024 budget and answer any questions you may have. No action will be taken at this meeting, it is informational.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00am** – "**Setting the Scene**" – **Esther 1:1-9**. Join us for our study of "Esther", based on "**Becoming a Woman of Beauty & Strength**" by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. **All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.**

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST – **Sunday, November 12th at 9:00am** – Join us for breakfast at 9:00am and stay for Worship at 10:30am. Sign up in the church foyer.

MURAL WALK – **Monday, November 13th at 9:30am** – Sign up to take a walking tour of downtown Punta Gorda and learn the history of the murals by our guide, Pastor Barksdale.

PEACE RIVER GARDENS – **Tuesday, November 14th at 9:00am** – Sign up now to tour the beautiful Peace River Gardens in Punta Gorda.

CROSSROADS ACADEMY – **A Night with Jimmy Wayne, Friday, November 17th, at 7:00pm**. Join us for a benefit concert held at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$40/person and are available in our office or from Burnt Store Presbyterian Church.

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES -- **Sunday, November 19th at 3:00pm, featuring the Barefoot Trio**. This trio of flute, viola and harp will perform an enchanting fall performance of music presenting works by Claude Debussy, Carl Nielsen, Andre Jolivet and more.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, December 1st** – we will be helping at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:30pm. We will return about 8-9pm. We need a minimum of 12 people to sign up.

PUNTA GORDA CHRISTMAS TRADITION - Join us for a tour of the residential canals in Punta Gorda to view Christmas lights, displays and decorations on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. The cost is \$27/person. We will gather at **6:30pm on Friday, December 15th** at the Pier at Fishermen's Village. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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>

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

October 22nd to October 29th

Sunday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 25

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, October 26

10:00am Game Fellowship
4:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday

9:15am Membership Class
10:15am Hymn Festival
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Facebook)

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SERMON NOTES

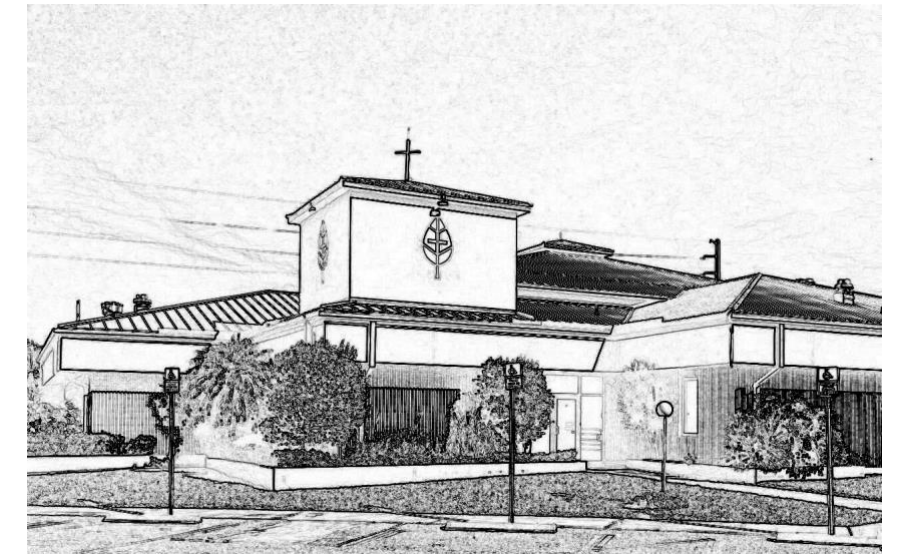
John 1:1,14; 20:30-31

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Bible Readings

October 22 Matthew 20:1-34
Mark 10:32-52
Luke 18:31-19:27
October 23 Mark 14:3-9; 11:1-11
Matthew 26:6-13; 21:1-11
John 12:1-36
Luke 19:28-44
October 24 John 12:37-50
Mark 11:12-33
Matthew 21:18-22; 21:12-17; 21:23-27
Luke 19:45-48; 20:1-8
October 25 Matthew 21:28-46; 22:1-33
Mark 12:1-27
Luke 20:9-40
October 26 Mark 12:28-44
Matthew 22:34-46; 23:1-39
Luke 20:41-47; 21:1-4
October 27 Mark 13:1-31
Matthew 24:1-35
Luke 21:5-33
October 28 Mark 13:32-37
Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46
Luke 21:34-38



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.

October 22, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS

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

Roy Belville, Marjorie Haun, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte