
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Christian Country Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *See How Great A Flame Aspires*

Edward Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #384** *Spirit Song*

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC *God Bless The U.S.A.* Lee Greenwood
Denny Ausman

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

OFFERTORY - ** *Song of Devotion* Sylvia Riggs

*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 #690** *He Leadeth Me*

SCRIPTURE Joshua 4:1-9; 19-24

MESSAGE *These Stones* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #21** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,2,3,5)*

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *God Bless America*

POSTLUDE *Jubilation* James Denton

*Please stand, if able

**You may give securely online at www.fpcpunta.org

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth CCLI #1140231 CVLI #505541137

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 Hope Academy, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.
- Pray for Ground Up Ministries, a ministry for human trafficking in Florida.
- Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County.
- Pray for Misi3n Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.
- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner Lynn Lang Dave Sifferd

Those who Grieve

Please pray for Judith Cornnell and family, whose grandson went home to the Lord.

NOTES

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale's prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Email your praise or petition to first@fpcpunta.org. Indicate if your prayer is for the Pastor only, church email prayer list, or prayer team on Sundays – or all of the above.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given in memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

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

SUMMER 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.

STREAMING MINISTRY – Livestream our services (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo *vimeo livestream*.

FACEBOOK PAGE – If you are on Facebook, don't forget to follow our page for the latest happenings – <https://www.facebook.com/FPCPGFL>.

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!

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.

HURRICANE SEASON – As we enter into 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.**

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	<u>April 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$22,999.34	\$92,864.11
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,735.58</u>	<u>\$86,457.43</u>
Net	(\$736.24)	\$6,406.68

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

SPRING MISSION PROJECTS – Our Spring Projects will focus on Wheelchairs for Peru and Grocery Carts for Misión Peniel. Use a Special envelope on the back table or in the church foyer.

SUMMER USHERS/GREETERS – We are in need of people willing to help usher and greet on Sunday mornings this summer. If you are interested, please see Bev Brady.

CHOIR OPPORTUNITY - If you would like to sing in a choir once a month in our Worship Service, starting in September, please sign up in the foyer or let Denny know.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesdays in July and August* – “The Holy Spirit”, led by Gail Thornton.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, May 27th, at 10:00am* – the book of *Nehemiah*.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – *Thursday, May 28th, at 10:00am* -- All ladies are welcome!

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, May 29th, 9:30am*. Please meet at our church. We need 6 - 8 people to sign up in the church foyer.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, June 5th, 11:30am* – Sign up for Cracker Barrel in Punta Gorda.

CHURCH PICNIC – *Wednesday, June 17th, at 5:00pm* – Join us at Ponce de Leon Park. Our church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Sign up in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – *Wednesday, July 15th, at 5:00pm* – Join us for supper and the movie “The Christmas Ring” based on the book by Karen Kingsbury. Sign up in the church foyer.

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – 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>

MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2026 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)	Misión Peniel (Immokalee)
Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)	Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)
Ground Up Ministries (Cape Coral)	Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)
Stand In The Gap Fund - (supports missionaries and ministries with unexpected financial burdens)	

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK – MAY 24 – MAY 31

Sunday, May 24	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
Monday, May 25	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – Office Closed
Wednesday, May 27	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Thursday, May 28	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
Friday, May 29	
9:30am	Mission Trip to Immokalee
Sunday, May 31	
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)



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 24, 2026

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Sam Cessna
USHERS	Sharon Fant, Marjorie Haun, Patti MacDonald, Don Willecke
AV/TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff

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