
WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Will Serve Thee* William J. Gaither

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**

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

OFFERTORY *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* H. Percy Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thanks be to You, O God, for all good gifts, and especially for Your inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus. Help us, O Lord, to see how we have been blessed and use our offering as a blessing to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #630** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

SCRIPTURE John 17

MESSAGE *Jesus' High Priestly Prayer* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #640** *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #419** *The Family of God*

POSTLUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* David H. Hegarty

*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 Lisa and Clever Alfonsi, Eric and Debbie Stone, 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 Ground Up Ministries, a ministry for human trafficking in Florida.
- 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	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Rick Berner
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Dave Sifferd

NOTES

PRAYER QUOTE – “Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?” – Corrie ten Boom

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Gail Thornton in loving memory of her father, Max Herwig.

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

JANUARY 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>December 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$20,613.56	\$279,758.04
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,139.63</u>	<u>\$259,997.54</u>
Net	(\$526.07)	\$ 19,760.50**

** Due to your generosity, we were able to transfer \$10,000.00 to the Capital Reserve Fund, to help with our Air Conditioner repairs needed in 2025.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online. Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don't see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

DEACON'S FUND – *NEXT Sunday, January 19th*, is our monthly collection to help support congregation and emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

NEED FOR MORE USHERS – If you would like to serve on Sunday mornings as an usher, please contact Bev Brady. Thank you!

GROUNDS CREW – Looking for 5-6 people, with line trimmers, to serve on the Grounds Crew of the church. Our main focus will be the pond area and Memorial Garden, every couple of months or so. Sign up in the church foyer or contact Sam Cessna if interested.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall on **Monday, January 13th at 10:00am**.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, January 15th at 10:00am** – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study “A Resilient Faith” using II Timothy. *All are welcome!*

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, January 17th, 12:00pm** – Sign up for Outback Steakhouse in Port Charlotte.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – **Sunday, January 26th at 9:30am**. 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.)

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, January 31st** – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Meet at the church at **12:15pm**. *We need 12 people for these mission trips!* Sign up in the church foyer.

SERMON ON THE SAND – **Sunday, February 2nd, at 8:00am**. This is held every Sunday from 8:00-8:30am at Fishermen's Village. Pastor Barksdale delivers the Message on February 2nd.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, February 4th, 10:00am in Fellowship Hall**. We are studying “Becoming A Woman of Beauty & Strength” (a book about *Esther*) by Elizabeth George. **We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month**. On February 4th we will study Lesson 22, Esther 9:16-19, “Celebrating God's Goodness”. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **Wednesday, February 5th at 5:00pm**. Barksdale and Bo host get-together dinners at their home for groups of eight. 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.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN – **Wednesday, February 26th at 12:00pm**. Join us for lunch and a seminar on “End of Life Preparations”. Sign up in the church foyer.

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 2025 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)
- Ground Up Ministries (Cape Coral)
- Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)
- Misión Peniel (Immokalee)
- Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

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.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

January 12th – January 19th

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

- 10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering
- 1:00pm Worship Team

Tuesday, January 14

- 10:00am Mission Team

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

- 10:00am Game Fellowship

Friday, January 17

- 12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, January 19

- Deacon’s Fund Sunday**
- 10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
- 11:30am Fellowship Time
- 6:00pm Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

John 17



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.

January 12, 2025

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	John Evans
USHERS	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Merrilyn Ellison, Linda Wagar
A/V TECH	George Fallenbeck, Gene McPherson, Jim Nuznoff