
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Hymn Sing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Songbird's Hymn of Praise* Beatrice A. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN #20** *Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises*
***HYMN #21** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,2,3,5)*

***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 *My Tribute* Andrae Crouch
Denny Ausman

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

OFFERTORY - ** *Wings of Faith* Edward Broughton

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Father, these gifts we bring are our expression of our thanks for who You are and what You mean to us. As we present them to You, we also commit ourselves to love and serve You with grateful hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***HYMN #170** *Give Thanks*

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:18-23

MESSAGE *Prayer* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #764** *The Trees of the Field*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #10** *Majesty*

POSTLUDE *Jubilee* Gilbert M. Martin

*Please stand, if able

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

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 who Grieve

Pray for Linda Wagar and family, whose husband Richard went home to the Lord on March 16th. A Celebration of Life Service and Reception will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00am.

Pray for Billie Sixt and family, whose husband Ron went home to the Lord on April 1st. A Celebration of Life Service was held on April 7th at Charlotte Memorial.

Pray for Charlie Costa and family, whose wife Doris went home to the Lord on April 7th.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner
Lynn Lang Dave Sifferd

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 by Joan Hoffman in memory of George.

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

MAY 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.

OUR DAILY BREAD – A booklet of daily devotionals is in the back of the Sanctuary.

STREAMING MINISTRY – Live stream our services on our website homepage (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo **YouTube**.

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!

Comparative Financial Operations / Performance

	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$25,964.41	\$70,014.77
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$20,900.00</u>	<u>\$62,871.85</u>
Net	\$5,064.41	\$7,142.92

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES

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

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.

IN NEED OF A BIBLE? – Our library has many different translations and large print editions. If you are thinking of getting a new Bible and want to take one for a 'test drive', drop by the library and check one out. You can search the catalog at: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FPCPG>.

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.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, April 29th, at 10:00am** – the book of *Nehemiah*. Nehemiah was a layman, not a priest like Ezra nor a prophet like Malachi. He served the Persian king in a secular position before leading a group of Jews to Jerusalem in order to rebuild the city walls. Everyone is welcome.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – **Thursday, April 30th, at 10:00am** -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, May 1st, 11:30am** – Sign up for Bella Napoli in Port Charlotte. All ladies welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, May 5, at 10:00am** – Our study is: "Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight" (Lesson 5) by Jennifer Rothschild. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome! See Kathy Belville for more information.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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>

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SHOWER MINISTRY – (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) – Please place “shower” items on the table 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

April 26 – May 3

Sunday, April 26

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

10:00am Ladies Cards Fellowship

Sunday, May 3

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

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(and by appointment)

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 6:18-23

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.



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 as we lift our hearts and voices in praise.

We are glad to welcome each guest and friend, and that you have chosen to worship God with this congregation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (details to follow)

May 10th – Mother’s Day
June 17th – Church Picnic at Ponce de Leon Park, 5:00pm
June 21st – Father’s Day
July 15th – Christmas in July Supper & Movie, 5:00pm

April 26, 2026

10:30am

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