
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Christian Country

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Eternal Father, Strong To Save* arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN #809 *God of Our Fathers*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our gracious and patient God, we confess that we too often allow our fears to determine what we do and say. We fail to trust Your promises or believe in Your power. We forget that You are greater than any of our fears or problems. Please forgive our lack of faith and remind us that there is nothing in this world that we need to fear for You are always with us. (*Silent Confession*)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lift Every Voice and Sing* James Weldon Johnson/Rosamund Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY - ** *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert J. Hughes

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear Lord, here and now we bring our gifts to You and to the church. We ask You to receive our gifts for ministry and service. But more, Lord, receive our love, and with our love and Your divine love, may we keep on building Your kingdom here as it is in heaven. In our Master's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #526 *The Solid Rock (My hope is built on nothing less)*

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:40-52

MESSAGE *Wisdom and Jesus* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

*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.

COMMUNION AND HYMN *I Will Remember Thee / Come To The Table*

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

*HYMN #799 *America, the Beautiful*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *God Bless America*

POSTLUDE *A Patriotic Quotation* Robert J. Hughes

*Please stand, if able

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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 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 who Grieve

Please pray for the family of Rachel Pfaender, who went home to the Lord on May 28th.

Those with Special Needs -- 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 – Flowers are given by Bob and Sharon Fant in celebration of 48 years of marriage.

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.

BULLETIN BOARD – Check out notes and messages of interest in the church foyer.

OUR DAILY BREAD – These daily devotionals are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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

	May 2026	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$20,858.04	\$113,722.15
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$18,778.85</u>	<u>\$104,975.66</u>
Net	\$2,079.19	\$8,746.49

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

GROUNDS CREW LUNCHEON – If you are on the Grounds Crew, or would like to be, please join us for lunch on Monday, July 20th at 11:30am at church. We will discuss the needs of the church grounds going forward. RSVP to Sam or Andy.

SUMMER USHERS/GREETERS – Please see Bev Brady to help out during the summer.

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 – Begins Tuesday, July 7th at 10:00am – “The Holy Spirit”, a weekly in-depth study, led by Gail Thornton. Sign up in the church foyer.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, July 8th at 10:00am – Join us as we study “How We Got Our Bible”. We will look at the doctrine of inspiration, transmission of the text, formation of the Bible, and different translations.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – Thursday, July 9th, at 10:00am -- All ladies are welcome!

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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, July 17th, 11:30am – Sign up for Burg’r Bar in Punta Gorda.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is Friday, August 28th, 9:30am. Please meet at our church. We need 6 - 8 people to sign up in the church foyer.

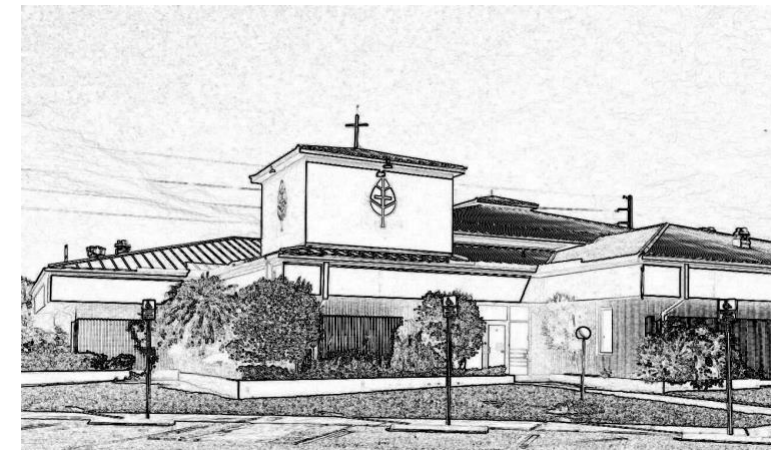
DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – Our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO’s go-to resource for long-term disaster relief. <https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services>

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 – JULY 5 – JULY 12

Sunday, July 5	COMMUNION SUNDAY
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting (Online)
Monday, July 6	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, July 7	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, July 8	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You
Thursday, July 9	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
Sunday, July 12	
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.

July 5, 2026

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Bev Brady
USHERS	Billie Sixt, Linda Wagar, Patti MacDonald, Sam Cessna
AV/TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff

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