
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Blended Christian Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prayer* Robert Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #368** *He Lives*

***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 (*debts/debtors*)

OFFERTORY - ** *O Love, How Deep* Benjamin Webb

***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 #86** *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-9

MESSAGE *Household Instructions* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #361** *Worship Christ, the Risen King*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #368** *He Lives (Refrain)*

POSTLUDE *Rock of Ages* John M. Rasley

*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, 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 Laurel Aumend in memory of her father, Lester Blenman.

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

APRIL 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.

ST. VINCENT FOOD DRIVE – March 29th to April 12th -- Bring any non-perishable food item to Fellowship Hall.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, April 24th, 12:30pm**. Please meet at our church. We need 12 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.

LAWNMOWER - If you would like to make a donation towards a used mower, please mark "mower" in the memo line. Thanks!

DEACON'S FUND SUNDAY – Next Sunday – for our monthly collection to help support congregation, emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

FPC FAMILY - Thank you so much for the generous gift last week; it was very unexpected and appreciated. We love this church family and feel very blessed to be serving here. Thank you again. Barksdale & Bo

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – **Monday, April 13th, at 10:00am** – This will be our last gathering until the fall.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, April 15th, 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.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – **April 15th at 5:00pm** - Barksdale and Bo will host get-together dinners for groups of eight at their home. No agenda, lesson, or study, just a time for fellowship. Sign up in the church foyer or call/email the church office.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – **Thursday, April 16th, at 10:00am** -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, April 17th, 11:30am** – Sign up for Wally's BBQ in Port Charlotte. All ladies welcome!

BURGERS FOR BADGES – **Monday, April 20th from 11:00am – 1:00pm** – Help us show our appreciation to our local and retired First Responders as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign up in the church foyer to bring cookies or desserts. If you would like to attend and thank our First Responders, please sign up (suggested donation of \$5.00 for members). To make a donation to support this event, please designate as "B4B".

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, April 21st, at 10:00am** – Our study is: "Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight" (Lesson 4) 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 12 – April 19

Sunday, April 12

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

Monday, April 13

10:00am	Prayer Shawl Gathering
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Tuesday, April 14

10:00am	Mission Team
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Wednesday, April 15

10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
5:00pm	Pullen Up a Chair

Thursday, April 16

10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
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Friday, April 17

10:00am	Ladies Lunch Bunch
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Sunday, April 19

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

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 (and by appointment)

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 6:1-9

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.



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.

April 12, 2026

10:30am

PASTOR
ORGANIST
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
LITURGIST
USHERS
AV TECH

Dr. Barksdale Pullen
 Denny Ausman
 Debbie Rostad
 Sam Cessna
 Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Donna DeBree, Pete DeBree
 George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (details to follow)

April 20th - Burgers For Badges, 11:00am – 1:00pm
 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