

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
		Gospel Music
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Sing Praise to God	Edward Broughton
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #3	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty	
*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	He who Began a Good Work in Me	John Mohr
	Denny Ausman, Solo	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)		
OFFERTORY - **	Walk in the Light	Robert J. Hughes
*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 #705	It Is Well with My Soul	
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1:3-14	
MESSAGE	Spiritual Blessings in Christ	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #353	Victory in Jesus	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #232	God Be with You (vs. 1)	
POSTLUDE	One Fellowship of Love	John Johnson
*Please stand, if able		

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Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth
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MINISTRY OF PRAYER		
Prayer Focus		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale’s prayr 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 Gail Thornton in loving memory of her brother 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.		
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		
	December 2025	Year-to-Date (\$260,000 Budget)
Tithes & Offerings	\$24,167.19	\$259,459.95
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,504.38</u>	<u>\$261,197.45</u>
Net	\$2,662.81	(\$1,737.50)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES	
GATHER FOR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm</u> (FaceBook online). Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org .	
MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is Friday, February 20th, 9:00am . Please meet at our church. Sign up in the church foyer.	
2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don’t see your name, let the office know. Thank you.	
THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM – God's abundant blessings to all of you!! Because of your generosity for our Christmas Offering, we were able to give generous gifts to the Veterans at Veterans Village and our three missionaries. The Mission Team appreciates every year your willingness to help us to reach out to the world. THANK YOU!!	
DEACON’S FUND SUNDAY – Next Sunday, January 18th -- is our monthly collection to help support congregation, emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.	
ACTIVITIES / EVENTS	
WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM - Monday, January 12th, at 1:00pm -- The Worship Ministry Team is looking for additional members. If you are interested, see Bev Brady or Pastor Barksdale. The Team is responsible for planning our worship services with the pastor and music director while providing liturgists, ushers and communion servers for those services. We also have special services during Easter and Christmas (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion).	
DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, January 14th, at 10:00am – Join us as we journey through Paul’s powerful letter to the Galatians! This study will explore the heart of Christian freedom, the grace of God through faith, and what it means to live by the Spirit rather than the law. Together, we’ll unpack the historical context, key theological themes, and practical lessons that speak directly to our lives today. Everyone welcome.	
LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – Thursday, January 15th, at 10:00am -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.	
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, January 16th, 11:30am – Sign up for Lime Tequila in Port Charlotte.	
PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – <u>Monday, January 19th, at 10:00am –</u> Please join us in 2026!.	
LUNCH ‘N’ LEARN – Wednesday, January 28th, 12:00pm – Sign up in the church foyer for this presentation by Sky Med. Lunch will be provided.	

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

January 11– January 18

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

Tuesday, January 13
10:00am Mission Team

Wednesday, January 14
10:00am Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, January 15
10:00am Ladies Cards Fellowship

Friday, January 16
11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, January 18
10:30am Deacon’s Fund Sunday
11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

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(and by appointment)

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 1:3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.



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.

January 11, 2026		10:30am
PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen	
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman	
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad	
LITURGIST	John Evans	
USHERS	Roy Belville, Bev Brady, Marilyn Ellison, Sharon Fant	
A/V TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson	