
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Gospel Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Do Believe* James Southbridge

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 63)*

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.

All: *Therefore our lips will praise you.*

Pastor: We will bless you as long as we live.

All: *We will lift up our hands and call on your name.*

Pastor: For you have been our help

All: *and in your presence we sing for joy.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #56** *To God Be the Glory*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

OFFERTORY *A Song of Morning* Dennis Elliot

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, You give us so much love. You fill us with abundance and mercy. Your gifts to us are constant and numerous. Now we bring to You our dollars and our talents. We bring to You our love and our skills. We bring to You our devotion and our time. Take all of this and take all of us and dedicate us and our gifts to ministry and service. In the name of Jesus Christ, we offer all now. Amen.

***HYMN #794** *Let All Things Now Living*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 150

MESSAGE *Praise* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #210** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #232** *God Be with You (vs. 1)*

POSTLUDE *Raise the Sound of Praise* Edward Broughton

*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 those who are recovering from Hurricane Ian.
- Pray for Lisa Alfonsi, Eric Stone family, 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 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	Kay Callahan	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Dave Sifferd
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner	
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Ernie Lehman	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

VACATION – Pastor Pullen has rescheduled his vacation and will be out of the office from Monday, July 17th through Saturday, July 22nd. If a need arises, please contact an elder.

FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Robert Cuzner in memory of his best friend, Henry P. Szostek.

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 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>June 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
*Tithes & Offerings	\$34,727.13	\$159,215.04
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$20,864.40</u>	<u>\$137,090.86</u>
Net	\$13,862.73	\$ 22,124.18

*The YTD amount includes \$20,700 in fulfilled annual pledges given in January

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.

Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – *Our next class will be held in the Fall.*

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.)

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING TODAY – Our monthly collection supports our efforts to help congregation needs, emergency needs, Misión Peniel Spanish devotionals, and others.

MISSION PROJECT – We have been made aware of the need at Misión Peniel in Immokalee for “backpacks and school supplies” for the children. There are two ways you can contribute to this project:

A financial contribution – The Mission Team will purchase the backpacks

Bring in school supplies and place them in the container in the church foyer

A list of school supplies can be found on the table in the church foyer. This collection will continue to Sunday, August 6th.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS – Sundays at 9:15 -10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. As a Grandparent, you play an important role in your Grandchildren's lives – so important that your influence on them has eternal significance. Becoming an effective Grandparent isn't just another season of your life; it is a God-given calling! Come join us for inspiration, tools, and connection with others as we seek God's truth and guidance in becoming effective, loving Grandparents. This will be a video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale and Bo.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – WE WILL NOT MEET ON JULY 19TH. We will continue our study of Mark on Wednesday, July 26th at 10:00am. Mark is written primarily to Gentiles, and the ultimate purpose and theme of Mark's Gospel is to present and defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship. For Mark, discipleship is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not merely following a certain code of conduct. Fellowship with Jesus marks the heart of the disciple's life, and this fellowship includes trusting Jesus, confessing him, observing his conduct, following his teaching, and being shaped by a relationship with him. Discipleship also means being prepared to face the kind of rejection that Jesus faced.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, July 21st, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Los Mariachi's in Punta Gorda. **All ladies are invited!**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, July 26th at 5:00pm* – Join us for dinner and then stay for Season 3 of **The Chosen**. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays through August. Sign up in the church foyer.

THE CHOSEN ON TV – For those who have missed the first two seasons of *The Chosen*, it is coming to TV, on the CW channel. The three existing seasons of the series will begin airing on the CW network on July 16th at 8:00pm, ET/PT. It will continue airing in that timeslot throughout the rest of the year, with the Season 3 finale scheduled to air on Christmas Eve. A fourth season of the series is currently in production, with seven seasons planned.

MISSION LUNCHEON – *Thursday, August 3rd, 1:00pm* – The first week in August we will be welcoming our missionary Lisa Alfonsi, her husband Clever and son Kaleb from Peru. Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet them and learn about their Wheelchair Ministry. Mark your calendars now and sign up in the church foyer.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Mark your calendar for **Friday, August 25th** -- we will be helping at the Mission bagging groceries from 11:00am - 1:00pm. More details to follow. 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 2022 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)
- Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)
- Misión Peniel (Immokalee)
- Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

July 16th to July 23rd

Sunday, July 16

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| 9:15am | Deacon’s Fund Sunday |
| 10:30am | Grandparenting Matters |
| 11:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) |
| 6:00pm | Fellowship Time |
| | Prayer Meeting (FaceBook) |

Wednesday, July 19

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| 10:00am | Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry |
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Thursday, July 20

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| 10:00am | Game Fellowship |
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Friday, July 21

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| 12:00pm | Ladies Lunch Bunch |
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Sunday, July 23

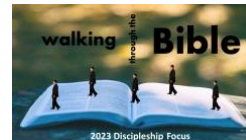
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| 9:15am | Grandparenting Matters |
| 10:15am | Hymn Sing |
| 10:30am | Worship Service (Also Online) |
| 11:30am | Fellowship Time |
| 6:00pm | Prayer Meeting (FaceBook) |

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SERMON NOTES

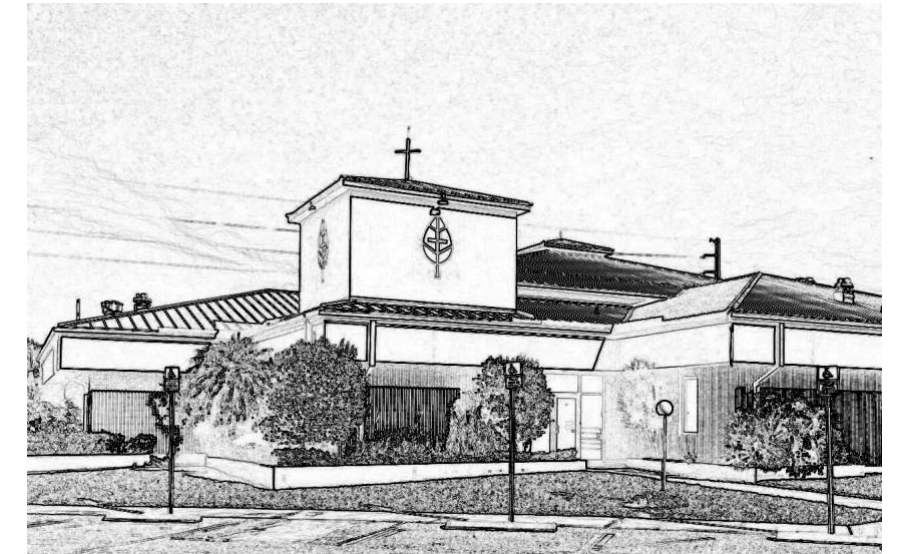
Psalm 150

Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.



Bible Readings

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| July 16 | Isaiah 18:1-23:18 |
| July 17 | Isaiah 24:1-27:13
Isaiah 29:1-24 |
| July 18 | Isaiah 30:1-33:24 |
| July 19 | Isaiah 34:1-35:10
Micah 2:1-5:15 |
| July 20 | Micah 6:1-7:20
2 Chronicles 32:1-8
2 Kings 18:13-18
Isaiah 36:1-3
2 Kings 18:19-37
Isaiah 36:4-22 |
| July 21 | 2 Kings 19:1-19
Isaiah 37:1-20
2 Chronicles 32:9-19
2 Kings 19:20-37
Isaiah 37:21-38
2 Chronicles 32:20-23 |
| July 22 | 2 Kings 20:1-11
Isaiah 38:1-8
2 Chronicles 32:24-31
Isaiah 38:9-22
2 Kings 20:12-19
Isaiah 39:1-8 |



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 16, 2023

10:30am

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| PASTOR | Dr. Barksdale Pullen |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR | Joan Byron |
| ORGANIST | Denny Ausman |
| OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN | Debbie Rostad |
| LITURGIST | Kathy Belville |
| USHERS | Roy Belville, Sam Cessna, Marjorie Haun, Billie Sixt |