
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Classical Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck
Nancy Smith and Denny Ausman, Piano arr. Rob Roy Peery

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #811** *Another Year Is Dawning*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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 *Gesu Bambino*
Sue Mesler, Flute; Nancy Smith, Piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY *In The Holy Presence* Lani Smith

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and eternal God, we bring forth gifts of praise and thanks for Your presence and Your love. We praise You for Your church and its witness and ministry to all. May our gifts and our lives be strengthened by Your Spirit and further the ministries of Your church through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #408** *How Firm a Foundation*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:18-20

MESSAGE *Now What?* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION AND HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debt/debtors*)

***HYMN #686** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #419** *The Family of God*

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "Forest Green"* Lani Smith

*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 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 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 with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender	Phyllis Ehrhardt	Rick Berner
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Dave Sifferd

NOTES

PRAYER QUOTE – “The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, ‘O God, forgive me,’ or ‘Help me.’” – Billy Graham

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today by Marguerite O’Brien in celebration of her birthday.

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.

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!

	<i>Comparative Financial Operations / Performance</i>	
	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$22,647.43	\$259,144.48
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,751.66</u>	<u>\$239,182.91</u>
Net	\$895.77	\$ 19,961.57

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don’t see your name, let the office know. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – *Tuesday, January 7th, 10:00am in Fellowship Hall*. We are studying “Becoming A Woman of Beauty & Strength” (a book about *Esther*) by Elizabeth George. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. On January 7th we will study Lesson 21, Esther 9:11-15, “Finishing Fully”. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – All are welcome!

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – *Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00am* – Join us on Wednesday mornings for Donuts & Doctrine as we study “A Resilient Faith” using II Timothy. *All are welcome!*

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, January 17th, 12:00pm* – Sign up for Outback Steakhouse in Port Charlotte.

MISI3N PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, January 31st* – we will help at the Mission in the afternoon. Meet at the church at *12:15pm*. *We need 12 people for these mission trips!* Sign up in the church foyer.

LUNCH ‘N’ LEARN – *Wednesday, February 26th at 12:00pm*. Join us for lunch and a seminar on “End of Life Preparations”. 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 2024 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)

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 5th – January 12th

Sunday, January 5

10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Communion Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, January 6

1:00pm

Worship Team

Tuesday, January 7

10:00am
1:00pm

Women’s Bible Study
Fellowship Team

Wednesday, January 8

10:00am
10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine
Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, January 9

10:00am

Game Fellowship

Sunday, January 12

10:30am
11:30am
6:00pm

Worship Service (Also Online)
Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



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.

January 5, 2025

10:30am

PASTOR
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OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN
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Dr. Barksdale Pullen
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