

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
		Nancy Smith
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Melodie	David Hegarty
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #365	Alleluia! Alleluia!	
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Merciful Savior, we confess that in the heat of the moment, we allow our tempers, our impatience and our selfishness to overcome the heart of goodness and compassion You have created within us. We respond in ways that hurt one another and do not honor You. We confess that though we long to have the mind of Christ and to respond in all situations as He has modeled for us, we sometimes fail. We are short-sighted, forgetful and fearful. We ask for Your forgiveness, Lord. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and the love of all humankind. <i>(Silent Confession)</i>		
*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		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	Perfect Peace	David Paxton
*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 #366	I Live (Repeat)	
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:41-52	
MESSAGE	Questions	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
COMMUNION AND HYMN		
Let Us Break Bread Together		
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER <i>(debt/debtors)</i>		
*HYMN #450	Lift High the Cross (vs. 1,2,4,5)	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #340		
		Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus
POSTLUDE	Children of The Heavenly Father	Robert J. Hughes
*Please stand, if able		
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 QUOTE – “Any concern too small to be turned into prayer is too small to be made into a burden.” -- Corrie ten Boom		
FLOWERS – The flowers are given today to celebrate the tenth wedding anniversaries of the McPherson’s and Fallenbeck/Brady.		
CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
MAY NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
CHURCH DIRECTORY – 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		
	March 2025	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$20,611.73	\$68,395.41
Cash Expenditures	\$21,636.59	\$67,846.03
Net	\$ (1,024.86)	\$ 549.38

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES	
GATHER FOR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.</u> Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org .	
ACTIVITIES / EVENTS	
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – <i>Tuesday, May 6th, 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.</i> We begin a new study on “Keep It Shut” by Karen Ehman. On May 6th we will do Session 1 “Sparks, Squabbles, Spats, and Such: Our Words Matter”. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information – <i>All are welcome!</i>	
DONUTS & DOCTRINE – <i>Wednesday, May 7th at 10:00am</i> – Join us on Wednesday mornings as we begin a new study on “ <i>Jonah</i> ”. <i>All are welcome!</i>	
MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH – <i>Sunday, May 11th at 9:15am. Sign up to attend.</i>	
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – <i>Friday, May 16th, 11:30am</i> – Sign up in the church foyer for Riviera Restaurant in Punta Gorda.	
MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is <i>Friday, May 30th</i> – we will help at the Mission in the morning . Meet at the church at <i>9:00am</i> . <i>We need 6 people for this mission trip!</i> 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 on the table in the back of 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

May 4th – May 11th

Sunday, May 4	Communion Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB
Monday, May 5	
1:00pm	Worship Team
Tuesday, May 6	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
1:00pm	Fellowship Team
Wednesday, May 7	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Thursday, May 8	
10:00am	Game Fellowship
Sunday, May 11	HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
9:15am	Mother’s Day Brunch
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Luke 2:41-52

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



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.

May 4, 2025	10:30am
PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Sam Cessna
USHERS	Sharon Fant, Marjorie Haun, Susie Lorenz, Billie Sixt
A/V TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff