

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
		Christian Country
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Built On The Rock	John M. Rasley
RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (He Is A Holy God from Psalm 99)		
Worship Leader: The Lord reigns; let the nations tremble.		
Everyone: The Lord our God is holy.		
Worship Leader: Great is the Lord. He is exalted over all nations. Let them praise His great and awesome name.		
Everyone: Our God is holy.		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #139	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	
*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	Blessed Assurance	arr. Chris Sligh/Don Chapman
	The Choral Ensemble	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)		
OFFERTORY - **	Tis The Blessed Hour of Prayer	Roger C. Wilson
*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 #355	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	
SCRIPTURE	Jonah 3:1-10	
MESSAGE	God's Mercy	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #344	Grace Greater than Our Sin	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #571		
	Trust and Obey (vs. 1)	
POSTLUDE	Honor and Glory	Roger C. Wilson

*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 with Special Needs		
Phyllis Ehrhardt	Rick Berner	Minty Ausman
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 to the Glory of God.		
CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
CHURCH DIRECTORIES – Available in the church office.		
FLOWERS – <i>May be sponsored for \$45.00, beginning in October.</i> 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 Missions Newsletters, 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 <i>YouTube</i> .		
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		
	August 2026	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,178.23	\$166,098.88
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$19,996.02</u>	<u>\$167,212.70</u>
Net	(\$817.79)	(\$1,113.82)

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 .		
HURRICANE SEASON – We want to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don’t travel if you are not comfortable, but you may join us online. Also, we have a text messaging system to notify folks if Services/Events are canceled. If you do not want to receive a text message, please notify the church office. <i>Please note: You cannot reply to these text messages.</i>		
CHURCH LIBRARY – Looking for a good book, help with a theological question, Christian biography, or a devotional? Just log on to this website and search: https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FPCPG . Also, ‘check out’ our book display in the church foyer.		

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS		
DONUTS & DOCTRINE – <i>Wednesday, September 23rd at 10:00am.</i> We are looking at Paul’s longest letter – Romans. His letter to the church in Rome can and should change us. We should walk away knowing Jesus more clearly, understanding the gospel more accurately, abandoning sin more thoroughly, feeling grace more deeply, and grasping more faithfully the large story of God’s sovereign purposes for this world and his faithful achievement of those purposes in spite of evil and sin. Everyone invited, led by Pastor Barksdale.		
FALL WORK DAY – <i>Thursday, September 24th (Inside) at 9:00am.</i> Sign up in the church foyer.		
LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – <i>Thursday, September 24th, 10:00am --</i> All ladies are welcome!		
MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is <i>Friday, September 25th, 9:30am.</i> Please meet at our church. We need 6 - 8 people to sign up in the church foyer.		
PRESBYTERY VOLUNTEERS – <i>On October 2nd – 3rd,</i> FPC will host the Florida Presbytery of our denomination (ECO); we are expecting around 80 people. Please sign up in the church foyer to help with this event.		
INQUIRER’S CLASS – <i>Sunday, October 11th, 11:30am</i> – Interested in the history and beliefs of FPC, or what it means to be a member? Join us after church for this informational meeting. Lunch provided. Sign up in the church foyer.		
CHOIR – <i>Rehearses Thursday, October 15th, 4:30pm and Sings on Sunday, October 18th.</i>		
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – <i>Friday, October 16, 11:30am</i> – Sign up for Family Grill, Punta Gorda. (We will not meet on October 2nd).		
BURGERS FOR BADGES – <i>Monday, October 19th, 11am – 1pm</i> – Help us show our appreciation to our local and retired First Responders as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as “B4B”. Sign up in the church foyer to bring cookies or desserts and to come for lunch and personally thank our First Responders (suggested donation of \$5.00 for members).		
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – <i>We will resume on Tuesday, October 20th.</i> Stay tuned for information on our next study!		
LUNCH ‘N’ LEARN – <i>Wednesday, October 28th, 11:45am</i> – “Care for the Caregiver”. See the Newsletter for information. Sign up in the church foyer.		
SAVE THE DATE – <i>Monday, November 9th, 10am – 12pm</i> – “Surviving The Holidays”, a seminar by GriefShare. Sign up begins in October.		

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 2026 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) St. Vincent de Paul (Punta Gorda)
- 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

September 20 – September 27	
Sunday, September 20	Deacon’s Fund Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB
Monday, September 21	
1:00pm	Session
Wednesday, September 23	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Thursday, September 24	
9:00am	Work Day - Indoors
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
Friday, September 25	
9:30am	Mission Trip to Immokalee
Sunday, September 27	
10:15am	Hymn Sing
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
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SERMON NOTES

Jonah 3:1-10

- ELDERS
- Kathy Belville – Deacons / Missions
 - Bev Brady – Fellowship / Worship / Finance
 - Sam Cesssna – Admin / Property / Worship
 - Merrilyn Ellison – Missions / Fellowship
 - Bruce Peters – Admin / Finance
 - Barksdale Pullen – Discipleship / Worship
 - Andy Schulte – Admin / Property
 - Gail Thornton – Clerk of Session / Missions

- DEACONS
- Merrilyn Ellison – Deacon of Visitation
 - Linda Wagar – Deacon of Loaves and Fishes
 - Katie Schulte – Deacon of Parish Nursing
 - Marjorie Haun – Deacon of Communications
 - Patti MacDonald – Deacon of Bereavement
 - Laurel Aumend – Deacon of Flowers
 - Roy Belville – Deacon of Helping Hands
 - Kathy Belville – Deacon of Communion
 - Lili Bush – Deacon of Kitchen
 - Maria Greene – Deacon of Library
 - Sharon Fant – Assistant Librarian



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.

September 20, 202610:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	Don Willecke
USHERS	Linda Avallone, Patti MacDonald, Linda Wagar, Sam Cessna
A/V TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff, Gene McPherson