
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Classical Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Serenity Nocturne* arr. Benton Price

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN #799 *America, the Beautiful*

* 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. (*Silent Confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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 #813

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

OFFERTORY *Air* Ludwig Van Beethoven

*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 #665 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

SCRIPTURE Amos 5:1-15

MESSAGE *Return* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

COMMUNION HYMN *In Remembrance*

COMMUNION

*HYMN #656 *Take Time to Be Holy*

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Chorus in Praise* Rob Roy Peery

*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

FLOWERS – The flowers are given in honor of God's Blessings on our Nation.

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 [vimeo livestream](#).

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

	May 2023	Year-to-Date
*Tithes & Offerings	\$17,051.58	\$124,487.91
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$21,452.42</u>	<u>\$116,226.46</u>
Net	(\$ 4,400.84)	\$ 8,261.45

*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.)

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 12-week video presentation with open discussion facilitated by Pastor Barksdale and Bo.

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – *Wednesday, July 5th at 10:00am* *Our summer series is the Gospel of Mark.* 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.

PULLEN UP A CHAIR – *Wednesday, July 5th at 5:00pm.* Barksdale and Bo will host a get-together dinner at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can sign up in the church foyer, or call/email the church office. There is no agenda, lesson, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about one another.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – *Friday, July 7th, 12:00pm* – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Monty's in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DINNER AND MOVIE – *Wednesday, July 12th 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.

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 2nd to July 9th

Sunday, July 2
9:15am Communion Sunday
10:30am Grandparenting Matters
11:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
6:00pm Fellowship Time
Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Tuesday, July 4 Office Closed – *July 4th Holiday*

Wednesday, July 5
10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study
10:00am Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
5:00pm Pullen Up a Chair

Thursday, July 6
10:00am Game Fellowship

Friday, July 7
12:00pm Ladies Lunch Bunch

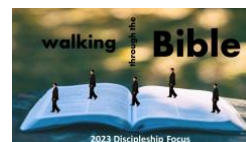
Sunday, July 9
9:15am Grandparenting Matters
10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am Fellowship Time
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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SERMON NOTES

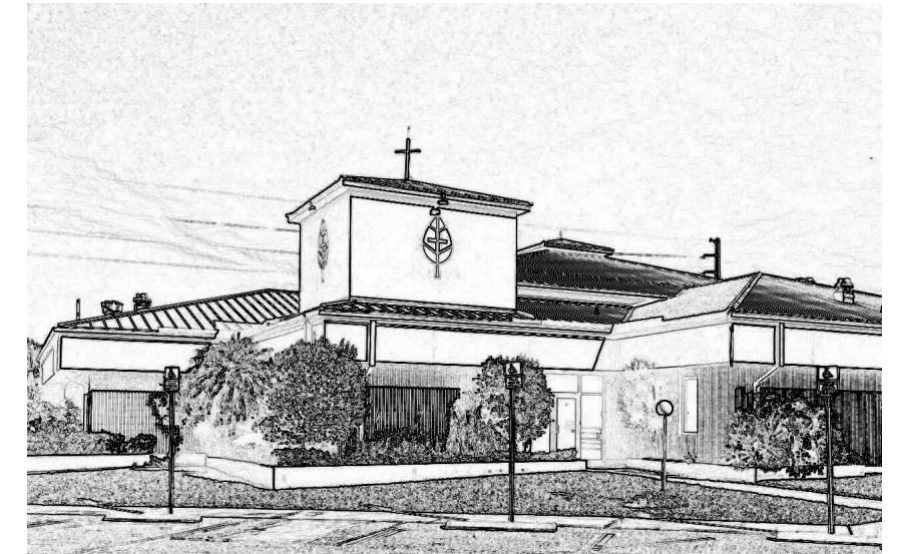
Amos 5:1-15

¹Hear this word that I take up over you in lamentation, O house of Israel:
²“Fallen, no more to rise, is the virgin Israel; forsaken on her land, with none to raise her up.”³ For thus says the Lord GOD: “The city that went out a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went out a hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel.”⁴ For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: “Seek me and live;⁵ but do not seek Bethel, and do not enter into Gilgal or cross over to Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into exile, and Bethel shall come to nothing.”⁶ Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!⁸ He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name;⁹ who makes destruction flash forth against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress.¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.¹² For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate.¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.



Bible Readings

July 2	Proverbs 25:1-29:27
July 3	Proverbs 30:1-31:31
July 4	Psalms 42-46
July 5	Psalms 47-49; 84-87
July 6	Psalms 1-2; 10, 33, 71, 91
July 7	Psalms 92-97
July 8	Psalms 98-100; 102, 104



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 2, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Joan Byron
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	John Evans
USHERS	Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Judy Cornell, Marjorie Haun