
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Classical Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lamb of God*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***HYMN #311** *Hallelujah, What a Savior!*

***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 AND LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

OFFERTORY - ** *Great Peace is Mine*

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, as You have shared life and love with us, lead us to share even more generously our lives and our love. May we know that as we give and share, others come to know You in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to You so that through Your church we might be helpful and generous in love to a world in great need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #713** *Seek Ye First*

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:11-20

MESSAGE *Armor of God* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #358** *Because He Lives*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #10** *Majesty*

POSTLUDE *Flourish* Stanley E. Saxton

*Please stand, if able

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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 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 who Grieve

Pray for Linda Wagar and family, whose husband Richard went home to the Lord on March 16th. A Celebration of Life Service and Reception will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00am.

Pray for Billie Sixt and family, whose husband Ron went home to the Lord on April 1st. A Celebration of Life Service was held on April 7th at Charlotte Memorial.

Pray for Charlie Costa and family, whose wife Doris went home to the Lord on April 7th.

Those with Special Needs

Rachel Pfaender Phyllis Ehrhardt Rick Berner
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.

APRIL 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.

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 **YouTube**.

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

	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$25,964.41	\$70,014.77
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$20,900.00</u>	<u>\$62,871.85</u>
Net	\$5,064.41	\$7,142.92

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.

ST. VINCENT FOOD DRIVE – Thank you for your food donations!

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, April 24th, 12:30pm**. Please meet at our church. We need 12 people to sign up in the church foyer.

IN NEED OF A BIBLE? – Our library has many different translations and large print editions. If you are thinking of getting a new Bible and want to take one for a 'test drive', drop by the library and check one out. You can search the catalog at: <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FPCPG>.

CHOIR OPPORTUNITY - If you would like to sing in a choir once a month in our Worship Service starting in September, please sign up in the foyer or let Denny know.

DEACON'S FUND SUNDAY – TODAY – for our monthly collection to help support congregation, emergency needs, Misión Peniel, and others.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

BURGERS FOR BADGES – TOMORROW, Monday, April 20th from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Help us show our appreciation to our local and retired First Responders as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign up in the church foyer to bring cookies or desserts. If you would like to attend and thank our First Responders, please sign up (suggested donation of \$5.00 for members). To make a donation to support this event, please designate as "B4B".

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, April 21st, at 10:00am – Our study is: "Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight" (Lesson 4) by Jennifer Rothschild. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome! See Kathy Belville for more information.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – Wednesday, April 22nd, at 10:00am – the book of *Nehemiah*. Nehemiah was a layman, not a priest like Ezra nor a prophet like Malachi. He served the Persian king in a secular position before leading a group of Jews to Jerusalem in order to rebuild the city walls. Everyone is welcome.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – Thursday, April 23rd, at 10:00am -- All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Friday, May 1st, 11:30am – Sign up for Bella Napoli in Port Charlotte. All ladies welcome!

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 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

April 19 – April 26

Sunday, April 19

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Deacon’s Fund Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting-FB

Monday, April 20

11:00am – 1:00pm

2:00pm

Burgers for Badges

Session

Tuesday, April 21

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, April 22

10:00am

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, April 23

10:00am

Ladies Cards Fellowship

Friday, April 24

12:30pm

Mission Trip to Immokalee

Sunday, April 26

10:15am

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

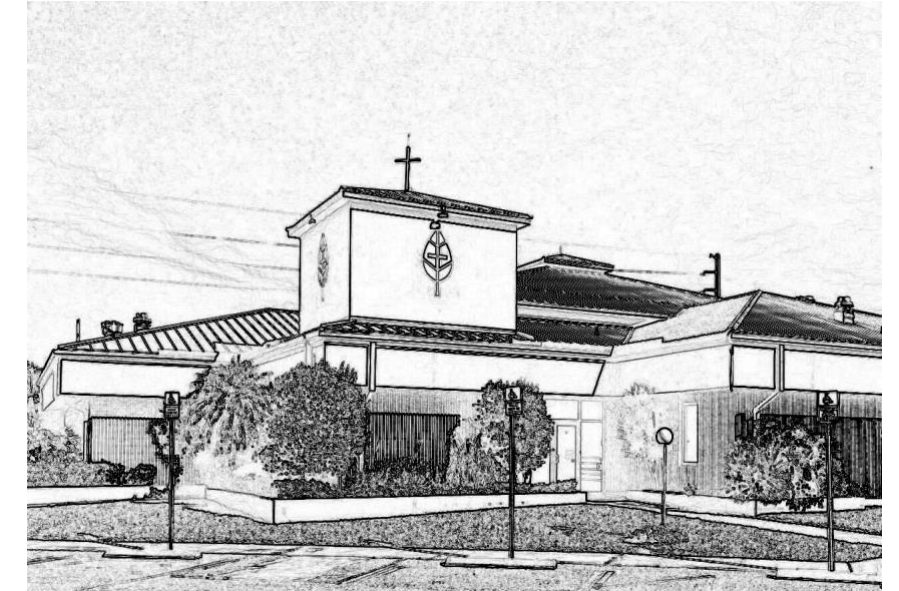
Prayer Meeting-FB

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(and by appointment)

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 6:11-20

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.



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 as we lift our hearts and voices in praise.

We are glad to welcome each guest and friend, and that you have chosen to worship God with this congregation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (details to follow)

- April 20th - Burgers For Badges, 11:00am – 1:00pm
- May 10th – Mother’s Day
- June 17th – Church Picnic at Ponce de Leon Park, 5:00pm
- June 21st – Father’s Day
- July 15th – Christmas in July Supper & Movie, 5:00pm

April 19, 2026

10:30am

PASTOR
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