

WORSHIP SERVICE		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
		Blended Christian Music
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE	Here I Am To Worship	Tim Hughes
CALL TO WORSHIP		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #140	Great Is the Lord	
*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 - **	God Himself With Us	Joachim Neander, arr. Roger C. Wilson
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Let the gift of grace, which has been so lavishly given to us, touch our hearts as we give of our gifts. May the needs of others become our needs; their poverty, our poverty; their hunger, our hunger; their longings for a better life, our longings. May we always give in gratitude for the abundance of grace that is ours through the gift of the life of Christ. Amen.		
*HYMN #548	As the Deer	
SCRIPTURE	II Peter 1:1-9	
MESSAGE	Characteristics of Wisdom	Pastor Barksdale Pullen
*HYMN #410	Standing on the Promises	
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
		God Bless America
POSTLUDE	Praise His Name	Louise E. Stairs
*Please stand, if able		
**You may give securely online at www.fpcpunta.org		
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 Hope Academy, 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 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 – Flowers are given to the Glory of God.		
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 in the church foyer.		
Our Daily Bread – These daily devotionals are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.		
Streaming Ministry – Livestream our services (fpcpunta.org) by clicking the logo <i>vimeo livestream</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!		
Gather for Prayer – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.</u>		
<u>Hurricane Season</u> – As we enter into Florida’s 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. Please note: You cannot reply to these text messages.		
Comparative Financial Operations / Performance		
	June 2026	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$13,798.29	\$127,520.44
Cash Expenditures	\$20,751.89	\$125,727.55
Net	(\$6,953.60)	\$1,792.89

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

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.

GROUND'S CREW LUNCHEON – If you are on the Grounds Crew, or would like to be, please join us for lunch on **Monday, July 20th at 11:30am** at church. We will discuss the needs of the church grounds going forward. RSVP to Sam or Andy.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, July 21st at 10:00am** – “The Holy Spirit”, a weekly in-depth study, led by Gail Thornton. Sign up in the church foyer.

DONUTS & DOCTRINE – **Wednesday, July 22nd at 10:00am** – “How We Got Our Bible”. We will look at the doctrine of inspiration, transmission of the text, formation of the Bible, and different translations.

LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – **Thursday, July 23rd, at 10:00am** -- All ladies are welcome!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, August 7th, 11:30am** – Sign up for Elena's Restaurant in PG.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, August 28th, 9:30am**. Please meet at our church. We need 6 - 8 people to sign up in the church foyer.

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>

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) Misión Peniel (Immokalee)

Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda) Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)

Ground Up Ministries (Cape Coral) Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

Stand In The Gap Fund - (supports missionaries and ministries with unexpected financial burdens)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK – JULY 19 – JULY 26

Sunday, July 19

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Deacon's Fund Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, July 20

11:30am

Grounds Crew Luncheon

Tuesday, July 21

10:00am

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 22

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine

10:00am

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, July 23

10:00am

Ladies Cards Fellowship

Sunday, July 26

10:30am

Worship Service (Also Online)

11:30am

Fellowship Time

6:00pm

Prayer Meeting (Online)



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 19, 2026

10:30am

PASTOR

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

ORGANIST

Denny Ausman

OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN

Debbie Rostad

LITURGIST

Katie Schulte

USHERS

Merrilyn Ellison, Sharon Fant, Billie Sixt, Linda Wagar

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