

CELEBRATION SUNDAY		
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC		
Rachel Cox, Violin		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE <i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty</i> arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.		
RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(based on 1 Chronicles 16, Psalms 107, 136)</i>		
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!		
<i>People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.</i>		
Leader: From generation to generation, God’s faithfulness is sure.		
<i>People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, we will praise the Lord.</i>		
Leader: When we are grateful, our hearts open to joy.		
<i>People: When we are thankful, our spirits are renewed.</i>		
Leader: Give thanks to God who gives every good gift.		
<i>People: With thankful hearts, we lift our voices in praise!</i>		
Leader: Let us worship God!		
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
*HYMN #90		
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee		
*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		
Adoration		
Rachel Cox, Violin; Denny Ausman, Piano		
Felix Borowski		
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER <i>(debt/debtors)</i>		
OFFERTORY - ** <i>Happy The Home When God is There</i> arr. John Johnson		
*DOXOLOGY		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Lord, receive our tithes and offerings as a token of our devotion and love for You. Multiply them and use them to build Your church in this community May they extend Your love and grace to those in need as well as empower the witness to Jesus of Your people. In His name we pray. Amen.		
*HYMN #571		
Trust and Obey		
SCRIPTURE		
Lamentations 3:22-23		
MESSAGE		
God’s Faithfulness		
Pastor Barksdale Pullen		
*HYMN #139		
Great Is Thy Faithfulness		
*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #10		
Majesty		
POSTLUDE		
Rondeau		
Jean Joseph Mouret		
Ruben Morales, Trumpet; Denny Ausman, Piano		
*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, 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		
GUEST MUSICIANS – We welcome Rachel Cox and Ruben Morales today to our Worship Service.		
PRAYER QUOTE – “Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue; God’s voice is its most essential part. Listening to God’s voice is the secret of the assurance that he will listen to mine.” – Andrew Murray		
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 today to celebrate God's faithfulness to FPC for 130 years of ministry.		
CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.		
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.		
CHURCH DIRECTORIES – Available in the church office.		
FLOWERS – May be sponsored for <u>\$37.50</u> . 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 – 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 <i>YouTube</i> .		
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		
	September 2025	Year-to-Date
Tithes & Offerings	\$26,060.14	\$183,119.42
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$22,440.89</u>	<u>\$197,046.74</u>
Net	\$3,619.25	(\$13,927.32)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES	
GATHER FOR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm</u> (FaceBook online). Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org .	
MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is <i>Friday, October 31st, 9:00am</i> – Please meet at our church. We need 6 people to sign up.	
SERMON ON THE SAND – Pastor Barksdale delivers the message on <i>Sunday, November 16th at 8:00am at Fishermen’s Village</i> .	
HURRICANE SEASON – As we are still in 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.	
ACTIVITIES / EVENTS	
GRIEFSHARE GROUP – <i>Cancelled</i> – We will offer this again in January,	
WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – <i>Tuesday, October 21st, 10:00am</i> – We are studying “Keep It Shut” by Karen Ehman. Session 2 (Chapters 3 & 4 in Book) “On Filling Gaps and Zipping Lips: Listen to Others, Talk to God”. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. All ladies welcome!	
DONUTS & DOCTRINE – <i>Wednesday, October 22nd at 10:00am</i> – God’s Unfolding Plan of Redemption - The story of salvation is more than the Easter story, God’s plan of salvation stretches back in the Old Testament. Join us as we explore the characters, events and history leading up to the promised Messiah. All are welcome!	
LADIES CARDS FELLOWSHIP – <i>Thursday, October 23rd at 10:00am ---</i> All ladies are welcome to join us Thursdays for cards and conversation.	
BURGERS FOR BADGES – <i>Monday, October 27th, 11:00am to 1:00pm</i> . Help us show our appreciation to our local and retired First Responders as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign up 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).	
LEGACY WRITING WORKSHOP – <i>Wednesday, October 29th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm</i> . Our guest speaker is Christopher Parent, a Community Partnership Specialist from Empath Health. Materials will be provided to help you create a legacy workbook for your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sign up in the church foyer.	
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – <i>Friday, November 7th, 11:30am</i> – Sign up for Nino’s Restaurant in Punta Gorda.	
WELCOME BACK POTLUCK – <i>Wednesday, November 12th at 5:00pm</i> . Mark your calendars now.	

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

October 19 – October 26

Sunday, October 19	<i>Celebration Sunday</i>
	Deacon’s Fund Sunday
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB
Monday, October 20	
1:00pm	Session
Tuesday, October 21	
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, October 22	
10:00am	Donuts & Doctrine
10:00am	Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry
Thursday, October 23	
10:00am	Ladies Cards Fellowship
Sunday, October 26	REFORMATION SUNDAY
10:15am	Hymn Sing
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting-FB

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SERMON NOTES

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.



*Thank you for joining us this Sunday
as we celebrate God’s faithfulness
to the First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda
for 130 years of ministry.
How exciting it would be to talk to those men and women
who launched out to start a new church
in a city just starting out, and for them to know
that their vision is still alive and preaching the Gospel.*



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.*

October 19, 2025	10:30am
PASTOR	Dr. Barksdale Pullen
ORGANIST	Denny Ausman
OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN	Debbie Rostad
LITURGIST	John Evans
USHERS	Sharon Fant, Marjorie Haun, Katie Schulte, Andy Schulte
A/V TECH	George Fallenbeck, Jim Nuznoff