
WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Popular Hymn Arrangements

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In Green Pastures* Donald Lee Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INTROIT *O Jesus, Sweet Jesus* George F. Root
Chancel Choir

***HYMN #207** *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

***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**

ANTHEM *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Scriven/Converse/Chapman
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY *I Come To Thee* Franklin Ritter

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, like Abraham and Sarah, we have heard Your call. We respond with fledgling faith, offering what we have as we step into the unknown future with You. Bless and multiply these gifts of faith, we pray, to accomplish more than we dare think or ask. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN #87** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-48

MESSAGE *Luke – The Son of Man* Pastor Barksdale Pullen

***HYMN #375** *Jesus Shall Reign*

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #695** *Lead Me, Lord*

POSTLUDE *Thine Is The Glory* Robert J. Hughes

*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 still 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
Lynn Lang	Ron Sixt	Rick Berner
Irene Csontos	Barb Harris	Dave Sifferd

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Marion Brown, *Truewood by Merrill, Port Charlotte*

NOTES

FLOWERS – The flowers are given today to the Glory of God by Joan Hoffman.

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 **\$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 **YouTube**.

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>September 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Tithes & Offerings	\$13,019.05	\$208,034.64
Cash Expenditures	<u>\$23,195.56</u>	<u>\$206,829.27</u>
Net	(\$10,176.51)	\$ 1,205.37

Third-Quarter Contribution Statements have been mailed.

If you did not receive one, please contact the office.

Thank you for your stewardship.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GATHER FOR PRAYER – **A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online.** Please submit any prayer requests to first@fpcpunta.org.

HURRICANE SEASON – During this hurricane season we want to remind everyone that if a storm is in the area, please don't travel if you are not comfortable, join us online.

BIBLE READING PLAN -- Reading guides and Bibles are on the Church Information Table.

FALL MISSION PROJECT – Through mid-November we will collect Bath Towels (white) and Jeans (Sizes 30-36) for **Jesus Loves You Ministry**. You may bring in these items OR you may donate to this cause. Use Special Gifting or Pew envelopes. Thanks for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING – This year we will support **St. Vincent de Paul's** "Thanksgiving Meals Project". Please use the Special Gifting or Pew envelopes for your donations through November 19th. Thank you for your generosity.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

BURGERS FOR BADGES – **Monday, October 16th, 11:00am – 1:00pm** – Help us show our appreciation to our Sheriff's Department as we grill out hamburgers and hotdogs. Have lunch with us in Fellowship Hall and say thank-you to our local first responders. Sign up in the church foyer for a shift – see the sign-up sheet for specific jobs. **If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of this outreach event, please designate it as "B4B".**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – **Tuesday, October 17th at 10:00am** – "Introduction to Esther". Join us for our study of "Esther", based on "Becoming a Woman of Beauty & Strength" by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for more information. **All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.**

DONUTS AND DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – **Wednesday, October 18th, at 10:00am.** The Gospel of 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.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – **Friday, October 20th, 12:00pm** – Please sign up and join us for lunch at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club in Port Charlotte. **All ladies are invited!**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – **Sunday, October 29th at 9:15am.** 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.)

MISSIONARY LUNCHEON – **Wednesday, November 1st, 11:30am.** The first week in November we will be welcoming our missionaries Chasen & Katie Brokaw and their children Alexander and Bailey from Nicaragua. Please join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet them and learn about their ministry and current climate in the country. Mark your calendars now and sign up in the church foyer.

MEDICARE SEMINAR – **Saturday, November 4th, 10:00am – 12:00pm.** Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2024. No products will be sold during this meeting; it is informational.

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST – **Sunday, November 12th at 9:00am** – Join us for breakfast at 9:00am and stay for Worship at 10:30am. Sign up in the church foyer.

MURAL WALK – **Monday, November 13th at 9:30am** – Sign up to take a walking tour of downtown Punta Gorda and learn the history of the murals by our guide, Pastor Barksdale.

PEACE RIVER GARDENS – **Tuesday, November 14th at 9:00am** – Sign up now to tour the beautiful Peace River Gardens in Punta Gorda.

CROSSROADS ACADEMY – **A Night with Jimmy Wayne, Friday, November 17th, at 7:00pm.** Join us for a benefit concert held at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$40/person and are available in our office or from Burnt Store Presbyterian Church.

ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES -- **Sunday, November 19th at 3:00pm, featuring the Barefoot Trio.** This trio of flute, viola and harp will perform an enchanting fall performance of music presenting works by Claude Debussy, Carl Nielsen, Andre Jolivet and more.

MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is **Friday, December 1st** – we will be helping at the Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:30pm. We will return about 8-9pm. We need a minimum of 12 people to sign up.

PUNTA GORDA CHRISTMAS TRADITION - Join us for a tour of the residential canals in Punta Gorda to view Christmas lights, displays and decorations on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. The cost is \$27/person. We will gather at **6:30pm on Friday, December 15th** at the Pier at Fishermen's Village. Sign up in the church foyer.

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT – A reminder that 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 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

October 15th to October 22nd

Sunday, October 15

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Deacon’s Fund Sunday

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

Monday, October 16

11:00am

2:00pm

Burgers for Badges

Session

Tuesday, October 17

10:00am

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, October 18

10:00am

10:00am

Donuts & Doctrine

Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry

Thursday, October 19

10:00am

4:30pm

Game Fellowship

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 20

12:00pm

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, October 22

10:15am

10:30am

11:30am

6:00pm

Hymn Sing

Worship Service (Also Online)

Fellowship Time

Prayer Meeting (FaceBook)

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SERMON NOTES

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-48

¹ Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

Bible Readings

October 15	John 8:21-59 Luke 10:1-11:13
October 16	Luke 11:14-12:34
October 17	Luke 12:35-13:21 John 9:1-41
October 18	John 10:1-42 Luke 13:22-14:24
October 19	Luke 14:25-17:10 John 11:1-37
October 20	John 11:38-57 Luke 17:11-18:8
October 21	Luke 18:9-30 Mark 10:1-31 Matthew 19:1-30



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.

October 15, 2023

10:30am

PASTOR

Dr. Barksdale Pullen

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Joan Byron

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