

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
Palm Sunday
10:00 AM—Worship
11:00 AM—Covered Dish Brunch
and Egg Hunt (FH)
1:00 PM—Anne Frank House Tour
2:00 PM—Pre-Confirmation Ropes Course
5:15 PM—FLY
7:00 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
7:30 AM—Men's Breakfast (FH)
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
1:00 PM—B365 Black (E205)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
9:30 AM—H3 O'Bradovich (S211)
10:00 AM—H3 Livingston (E102)
10:00 AM—H3 Ansley (E205)
4:00 PM—Book Discussion (E201)
6:00 PM—B365 Skidmore
6:15 PM—Handbell Choir
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
7:30 AM—H3 Disilvestro
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00 AM—B365 Collins (S211)
1:00 PM—H3 Nichols (Library)
4:00 PM—H3 Turkey Point
4:00 PM—Upper Room Communion (Parlor)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
6:00 PM—Good Friday Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
Easter
7:00 AM—Sunrise Service (Parlor)
10:00 AM—Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 1
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 2
7:30 AM—Men's Breakfast (FH)
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
1:00 PM—B365 Black (E205)
5:30 PM—Service & Benevolence (E205)
5:30 PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

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*WORSHIP PRACTICES:

- Be guided by love for those near you
- Masks are welcome but not required
- If you need assistance with social distancing, please speak to an usher

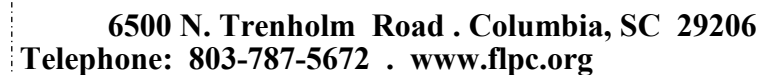
***PLEASE BE AWARE** we live stream our worship
and our services are video-recorded.

***LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask an usher if you would like to use one during our service.

***CHILDCARE** is provided for all infants and children 6 yrs and younger.

***HEARING SYSTEM** available for those who are hearing impaired. Please ask an usher.

****PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE****



Dr. Ellen Fowler Skidmore, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ed Black, Associate Pastor for Care and Discipleship
Dr. J. Eric Skidmore, Parish Associate for Stewardship
Dr. Elizabeth M. Mears, Director of Music
Sylvia Trimmier, Organist
Jodi Beckham, Dir of Mission and Community Engagement
Bill Wannamaker, Director of Youth Faith Formation

FLPC Chancel Choir

Pam Bond, Linda Byrum, Margaret Cundall, Randy Dailey,
 Joe Davenport, Ann Elsenheimer, Margaret Harris,
 Charles Huff, Deborah Joyce, Norma Kirkland,
 Bob McKenzie, Katherine Patterson, Becky Pittman,
 Ryan Poole, David Skinner, Xan Skinner, Suzanne Sloan,
 Page Sundby, Suzanne Thomas, Paul Van Wyke

MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY

10:00AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Michael Burkhardt

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Luke 19:38)

Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Let our voices be added to the shouts of praise! Let us give glory to God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord of truth and light and life, we love you and want to follow, but we are often afraid. You willingly serve and call us to serve, but we worry about being stretched too thin. You willingly give and call us to give, but we are concerned that there might not be enough. You willingly suffer and offer your life out of love for us, but we avoid suffering at all costs. You humbled yourself out of love, but we exalt ourselves in pride. We celebrate your entry into our lives and hearts with shouts of “Hosanna!”, and we genuinely want you to rule our lives. Forgive the sin that prevents us from opening our hearts to you and the fear that prevents us from following you to the cross. Grant us life, mercy, and grace, O Lord we pray. Amen.

On this day we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem while the crowds spread their cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him while proclaiming Jesus “King!” by processing into the sanctuary with palm branches. Palm Sunday!

Beginning worship with a Call to Worship, words most often taken from Scripture, reminds us that we are called to leave all other duties and worries aside for an hour, and focus our hearts and attention on God. We call ourselves to remember that when we gather in the sanctuary, God is our audience. What we do in worship is offered in love to God.

A corporate prayer of confession doesn't attempt to identify individual sins, but instead to give us words to confess the many ways in which we and all people fall short of what God intends us to be. If the particular words of this prayer do not help you name where you are separated from God and others, please make your own prayers.

An assurance of pardon is our way of claiming God’s free and unmerited grace. Every Sunday we ask for God’s forgiveness, and seek again to live in ways that honor God and reflect God’s love onto the world.

Learning to worship takes time, and we include our youngest members in worship by inviting them to the front for Time for Young Disciples. We are patient with young disciples learning to worship because God is patient with those of us who are older who are also learning to worship God.

Presbyterians pray to ask God to “forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors” because that is the prayer that Jesus teaches his disciples in Matthew 6:12. Other Christian traditions use the phrase “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” In both cases, the intent of the prayer is to remind us that God’s forgiveness of our sins is connected to our own commitment to be forgiving of others

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 4:9-10 NRSV

God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children through 1st Grade depart to Room #E-107)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Luke 19:28-44

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Christ, Be Our Light:Discernment” Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Ed Black

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Lift Up Your Heads. O Ye Gates” from *The Messiah*
Chancel Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

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.

*HYMN NO. 197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*POSTLUDE “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
Wayne Kerr

Worship Notes:

We give to God out of gratitude. And the work of this church depends on your gifts. Offerings may be made online <https://flpc.org/giving/> or use the QR code below.



The Apostles’ Creed is the most widely used confessional statement in the Western Christian Church, and next to The Nicene Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. It has its roots in the questions asked of candidates for the Sacrament of Baptism. A new believer would be asked, “Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?” and the new Christian would respond, “I believe.” (from Presbyterian Creeds by Jack Rogers)

Refrain from Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, Hymn #314

Some worshipers find sitting and listening to the musical postlude helps them conclude their worship. Others find joy in greeting others. Choose the response that helps you worship God. And if a fellow worshiper is seated, please allow them time and space to listen and pray.