

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Wills Emphasis

10:00 AM – Worship
11:00 AM – Faith Formation
5:15 PM – FLY
5:30 PM – Session Meeting
7:00 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 AM – Men’s Breakfast
9:00 AM – Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM- H3 Hunter (E205)
10:30 AM – Staff mtg (E102)
1:00 PM – B365 Black (E205)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

9:30 AM -H3 O’Bradovich
10:00 AM – H3 Livingston
10:00 AM – H3 Ansley
4:00 PM – Book Discussion
6:00 PM – B365 Skidmore
6:15 PM – Handbells
7:00 PM – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:30 AM – H3 DiSilvestro
9:00 AM – Yoga
10:00 AM – B365 Collins (S211)
1:00 PM – H3 Nichols (Library)
4:00 PM – H3 Turkey Point

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

First Steps Meeting(FH)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans

10:00 AM – Worship
11:00 AM – Covered Dish Luncheon (FH)
5:15 PM – FLY

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 AM – Men’s Breakfast
9:00 AM – Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM- H3 Hunter (E205)
1:00 PM – B365 Black (E205)
4:30 PM—Decker Collective

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

9:30 AM -H3 O’Bradovich
10:00 AM – H3 Livingston
10:00 AM – H3 Ansley
4:00 PM – Book Discussion
6:00 PM – B365 Skidmore
6:15 PM – Handbells
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WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY!

***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****



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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

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY

10:00AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

PRELUDE

“Fugue in D Major”
Johann Pachelbel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 23 CEB

Even when we walk in the darkest valleys, we fear no danger because God is with us.

Goodness and faithfulness pursue us all the days of our life, and we will live in the Lord’s house as long as we live. We are here to worship God!

***HYMN NO. 236** “The Strife is O’er”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wills Emphasis Sunday is the day on which we remember that all that we have is gift from God, and that we are responsible to use all we have to serve God’s purposes. Talking about how we plan for the use of our estate after our own deaths is an important way to live out our Christian faith. We are invited to ask ourselves, will our families and friends remember our faith, and does our estate planning reflect our faith?

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.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Colossians 2:14*

In Christ, God destroyed the record of the debt we owed and cancelled it by nailing it to the cross.

This gift of grace and reconciliation is from God! We accept and are grateful!

***HYMN NO. 581**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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

Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Other John 3:16: Love in Truth and Action"

Dr. Eric Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

"Thy Holy Wings"
Arr. Cathy Moglebust
Handbell 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. 693** "Though I May Speak"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Trumpet Tune"
Jason Payne

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 Handbell piece today is an arrangement of a beautiful old hymn which was based on a Swedish folk melody.

*Thy holy wings, dear Savior,
Spread gently over me,
And through the long night watches
I'll rest secure in Thee.
Whatever may betide me,
Be Thou my hiding place,
And let me live and labor
Each day, Lord, by Thy grace.*

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.

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.

WORSHIP NOTES: