

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:45 AM—Officer Training (E205)  
10:00 AM—Worship Service  
11:00 AM—Faith Formation  
11:15 AM—Usher Training  
1:00 PM—H.S. FLY Outing  
5:15 PM—FLY  
7:30 PM— B365 Bowman (Zoom)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:30 AM - Men’s Breakfast  
7:30 AM—Personnel Minstry (E205)  
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter  
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
1:00 PM—B365 Black  
4:00—Education Ministry (E205)  
5:30 PM— Service and Benevolence (E205)  
5:30 PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

4:00 PM—Book Discussion Group (S201)  
5:15 PM—Children’s Choir  
6:00 PM—B365 Skidmore  
6:15 PM—Handbell Choir  
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
10:00 AM—B365 Collins (S212)  
5:30 PM—Property Ministry (E205)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

World Communion Sunday  
8:45 AM—Officer Training (E205)  
10:00 AM—Worship Service  
11:00 AM—Faith Formation  
11:00 AM—PW CT  
1:00 PM—H.S. FLY Lunch  
5:15 PM—FLY  
7:00 PM—Zoom Call with Professor Dan Hale  
7:30 PM— B365 Bowman (Zoom)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:00 PM—Care & Connections Ministry (S205)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 AM - Men’s Breakfast  
7:30 AM—Personnel Minstry (E205)  
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
10:00 AM—Circle 1 (FH)  
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter  
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
1:00 PM—B365 Black  
5:30 PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

**FLPC Board of Deacons**

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**Worship Notes**

- \***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\*\***

Office Hours are Monday– Thursday  
8:30–5:00 & Friday 8:30-1:00 pm

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

10:00AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune”  
David German

\*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 65

Praise is due to God, for God listens to our prayers and answers us!  
**God of our salvation – you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. Let all living things come to praise you.**

\*HYMN NO. 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION based on James 5:13-20

**O Eternal and All-knowing God, we are temporary and dependent creatures in an uncertain and broken world. We suffer, worry and often feel afraid. We confess that we often live as though you do not know or care about us, and we often forget to pray. Forgive us, Lord! Teach us to pray faithfully about the suffering and pain we see in the world and that we experience. We confess that we want you to answer our prayers like a genie who grants our wishes. Forgive our magical thinking. May we pray in righteousness and power so that we will be changed and saved by our suffering and become an answer to the pain and suffering we see in others. Through our prayers, change us. Then through our changed hearts and lives, O Lord, change the world. To you be the glory and power, now and always. Amen.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time", the color that you will find is green. Because the color green is so often associated with life, the use of green during the seasons and the times when there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holidays) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into our church.*

*A prayer of confession invites to reflect on God’s purpose for our lives. When we do this, we realize how we have missed the mark. This confession of our failures is not to make us feel bad, but to speak the truth about ourselves. The truth is that we sin. But the greater truth is that when we confess our sin, God’s nature is to forgive so that we are free to try again.*

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God's promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don't need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

Becoming a member of FLPC is an acknowledgement of how important community is to our faith, and helps us witness to the power of disciples of Jesus, all committed to love God, self and others, to change the world. If you would like to know more about how to become a member of FLPC, please speak to one of our pastors or email the church office at [contactus@flpc.org](mailto:contactus@flpc.org)

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** Psalm 51

When God wipes away our wrongdoings they are completely gone and we are saved.  
**We are now freed to try again. Thanks be to God.**

**\*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**

**THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*"Blest be the Tie that Binds"*

*"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."*

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*(Children through 1st grade depart to Room #E107)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

James 5:13-20 (NRSV)

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

"Why Pray?"

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.**

**THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

"Anthems of Love"  
Dan Forrest

**\*THE 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.*

**\*THE DEDICATION**

May these gifts, given in gratitude and love,  
**Change us and the world to serve your purpose!**

**\*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. 465** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG - HYMN NO. 543** "O Christ, Surround Me" verse 1

**God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
David Cherwien

**Sanctuary Flowers**

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Barbara Eanes Lockwood  
by the Lockwood Family*

*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.*



*Although not written by Jesus' disciples, The Apostles' Creed does reflect the theological formulations of the first century church. An early form of the creed was developed around 180 CE to refute the heresy that the God revealed in Jesus Christ was different from the God revealed in the Jewish Bible (Marcionism). The creed took its present form by the eighth century.*

*The Postlude is intended to provide worshipers a transition from praise and worship to serving God. If you wish to sit, listen to the music, and pray, please feel free to do so. Sitting for the postlude is your sign that you want space and time to conclude your worship. If you prefer or need to stand, move, and greet other worshipers, please do so. Please feel free to do either.*