

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
8:45 AM—Officer Training
10:00 AM—Worship Service
11:00 AM—Faith Formation
4:00 PM—H3 Easterling
7:30 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
7:30 AM - Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
1:00 PM—B365 Black (E205)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
4:00 PM—Book Discussion
5:30 PM—Children's Choir
6:00 PM—Kirk Night—Trunk or Treat
6:15 PM—Handbells
6:45 PM—B365 Skidmore
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00 AM—B365 Collins
12:00 PM—Senior Lunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8:45 AM—Officer Training
10:00 AM—Worship Service
11:00 AM—Faith Formation
11:00 AM—PW Coord Team (E102)
11:30 AM—BOC Workshop
3:00 PM—Blessing of the Animals
7:30 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:30 AM - Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM—Personnel Ministry (E205)
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
1:00 PM—B365 Black (E205)
4:00 PM—Education Ministry (E205)
5:30 PM—Service & Benevolence (E205)
5:30 PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
4:00 PM—Book Discussion
5:30 PM—Children's Choir
6:15 PM—Handbells
6:45 PM—B365 Skidmore
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir

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, Sherry Presher, Tom Presher,
David Skinner, Xan Skinner, Suzanne Sloan, Amy Smith,
Page Sundby, Suzanne Thomas, Paul Van Wyke*

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, OCTOBER 27, 2024

10:00AM

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

Toccata on “Amazing Grace”
J. Christopher Pardini

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good! Let the redeemed say, “God’s faithful love lasts forever! “

The wise pay attention to the way God works, and remember God’s steadfast love! Let us praise and worship only God!

***HYMN NO. 804** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Source of Light and Life! From you comes every good and perfect gift. For all of the good that you have poured into our lives, O Lord, accept our thanks. But when things do not go the way we want them to go, or when we are suffering, we struggle to see you at work in our lives. We believe that your purpose is life, growth, and fruitfulness, but we do not like the challenge, suffering or loss that is required for us to grow. Forgive our resistance to growth, and help us to trust you to lead us through both gifts and losses, and joys and sorrows. Teach us to give you thanks for all that has brought us to this place and help us to hear your voice in the tough times, calling us forward into love and gratitude. “For all that has been, thanks! For all that shall be, Yes.”

**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.

Source of the quote: Dag Hammarskjold was a Swedish economist and diplomat, who served as the second Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1953 until his death in a plane crash in 1961. He was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

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.

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 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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Gratitude: Path and Practice" 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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"
Thomas Keesecker
Chancel Choir

***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. 69** "Here I Am, Lord"

*Please come forward using the center aisle. Place your commitment card on the communion table, and return to your seat using the outer aisles.
Blank pledge cards and envelopes are available in the pews,
Connecting Point, and Narthex*

We also invite all those who have already made their pledges to come forward as a public gesture of your commitment to God's work in this place.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG - HYMN NO. 39 refrain** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

***POSTLUDE** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
John Behnke

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.