

**2025 FLPC Session**

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**Worship Notes**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 AM—PW Coordinating Team (E102)  
9:30 AM—New Member Commission (Ellen’s Office)  
10:00 AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00 AM—Faith Formation  
5:00 PM—Alzheimer’s Association Presentation (Parlor)  
5:15 PM—FLY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM - 3:00PM—Woodshop Office Hours  
12:00 PM—Grief Group (E205)  
6:00 PM—Care and Connections (E205)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 AM—Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30 AM—Personnel Ministry (E205)  
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting (E102)  
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)  
4:00 PM—Education Ministry (E205)  
5:30 PM—Service and Benevolence Ministry (E205)  
5:30PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 AM - 3:00PM—Woodshop Office Hours  
4:00 PM—Book Club (E201)  
5:30 PM—Children’s Choir (Choir Room)  
6:00 PM—B365 Skidmore/Beckham (E205)  
6:00PM—HS FLY Eats  
6:15 PM—Handbells (Choir Room)  
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
10:00 AM—B365 Collins (S212)  
12:00 PM—B365 Black  
5:30 PM—Property Ministry (E205)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Basketball Recognition Sunday  
10:00 AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00 AM—Faith Formation  
4:00 PM—Confirmation  
5:15 PM—FLY

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**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Ed Black

**PRELUDE**

“Praludium and Guga in C Major”  
Dietrich Buxtehude

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 85 (CEB)

When God comes, faithful love and truth will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.  
**When God comes, truth will spring up from the ground and righteousness will look down from heaven. Come, O Lord, and live among us!**

**\*HYMN NO. 826**

“Lift High the Cross”

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, Jesus has told us that our lives are made whole by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish, too pessimistic, too hollow, too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love’s demands. So we make excuses, take shortcuts, and seek our own pleasure. Now we find ourselves far away from abundant life.**

**Help us make our way back to you. Forgive our sins and direct our hearts that we may find the strength to meet love’s demands and the grace to receive love’s gifts. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary. Amen.**

**\*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 8:30–4:30**

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*During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time", the color of the paraments 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.*

*When this symbol \* precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

*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 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**

1 John 4:9-10 (CEB)

This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him.

**This is love: it is not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins. God's love saves us.**

**\*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.**

**THE RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER— Betsy Hill**

*“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.”***

**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**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

**SERMON**

“The Inconvenient Command”

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.**

*Learning to worship takes time, and we include our youngest members in worship by inviting them to the front for Time with 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.*

*The Lord's Prayer offers a good summary of much of Jesus' teachings.*

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
Charles Wesley  
Congregation

**\*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**

*A Declaration of Faith Chapter 1;  
The Living God—Il.1-19.34-43*

**We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love. God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. God makes himself known in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.**

**God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all people of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.**

**\*HYMN NO. 693**

“Though I May Speak”

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG - HYMN NO. 175**

“Seek Ye First” vs. 1

**“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!”**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Ciacona in C Major”  
Dietrich Buxtehude

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*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.*



*A Declaration of Faith was adopted by the Presbyterian Church in the United States (a precursor to our current denomination) in 1977 as a “contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy and inspiration . . .” It includes much that speaks directly to our current context and is useful for study and worship.*

*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.*