

Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Palm Sunday

10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Palm Sunday Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt
3:00PM—JV FLY

MONDAY, APRIL 14

9:00AM—3:00PM—Woodshop Office Hours
10:00AM—Circle 3 (Members' Homes)
11:00AM—Circle 2 (S211)
6:00PM—Care & Connections (E205)
6:00PM—Stephen Ministry

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7:30AM—Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
10:30AM—H3 Hunter (E205)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

9:00AM—3:00PM—Woodshop Office Hours
4:00PM—Book Discussion (E102)
5:00PM—Endowment Committee (S211)
6:00PM—B365 Skidmore/Beckham (E205)
6:15 PM—Handbell Choir (Choir Room)
6:30PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday

9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00AM—H3 Collins (S211)
12:00PM—B365 Black/Roberts
4:00-6:00PM—Maundy Thursday Drop-In (Parlor)

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Good Friday

6:00PM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

7:00AM—Sunrise Worship Service (Parlor)
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Church Office Closed

2025 FLPC Session

Frank DiSilvestro, Beth Elliott, Jamie George, Stuart Hunter, William Hunter, Ginny Hutchison, Steve Hyman, Tom Leclair, Pete Pigeon, Jane Shear, Rebecca Timmons, Tommy Stallings

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****

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APRIL 13, 2025 | PALM SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Dan Miller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 55

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
God's word will accomplish God's purpose and the whole world will rejoice in God's coming! Let us welcome the coming of 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!

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

A prayer of confession invites us 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.

In 1998, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved three new catechisms for instruction and for worship: a children's version, a confirmation version and a catechism for use by adults. Today's questions come from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*, intended for use with children who are third grade or older.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. (Luke 11:1-4)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By God's Grace we are forgiven of sin and saved.

We are grateful! We will receive God's grace and let it change 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.*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Who are you? **I am a Child of God**

What does it mean to be a Child of God? **That I belong to God, who loves me.**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

"Let the Rocks Cry Out"
Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

READING OF THE WORD

Luke 19:28-40

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Grounded in the Gospel: Believing the Rocks!" 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 SOLO

"Ride On, King Jesus"
arr. Hall Johnson
Xan Jennings, contralto

*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. 821

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG - The Lord's Prayer

"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

*POSTLUDE

"Lift Up Your Heads"
Michael Burkhardt

Sanctuary Flowers
Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Bill Besley by Sharon Besley

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)*

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.