Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Confirmation Sunday 9:00AM—Confirmation Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary) 4:00PM—High School FLY End of the Year **Pool Party** 5:30PM—Session Meeting (E205)

MONDAY, MAY 19

9:00AM—3:00PM— Woodshop Office Hours 6:00PM—Stephen Ministry

TUESDAY, MAY 20

7:30AM—Daytrippers SC Botanical Garden 9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor) 10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

9:00AM-3:00PM-Woodshop Office Hours 11:00AM—B365 Black/Roberts 4:00PM—Book Discussion (E102) 6:00PM—B365 Skidmore/Beckham (E205) 7:00PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor) 10:00AM—H3 Collins (S211) 12:00PM—FLPCafé (Fellowship Hall) 2:00PM—Nehemiah Action Follow Up Meeting (E102)

FRIDAY, MAY 23

SATURDAY, MAY 24

SUNDAY, MAY 25 10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

> MONDAY, MAY 26 Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 27 9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor) 10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

9:00AM- 3:00PM- Woodshop Office Hours 11:00AM—B365 Black/Roberts 4:00PM—Book Discussion (E102) 6:00PM—B365 Skidmore/Beckham (E205) 6:30PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Sanctuary Flowers

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in honor and thanks of our Confirmation Companions; Frank DiSilvestro, William Hunter, Wendell McCoy, and Natalie O'Bradovich.

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.
- *RESTROOMS are located in the Narthex, the Connecting Point Hallway, and behind the sanctuary adjacent to the elevator. All restrooms are wheelchair accessible. An usher will be glad to direct you.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE

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MAY 18, 2025 | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE "Concerto No. 3 after Signor Vivaldi: Allegro'

Johann Walther

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 148

The mountains and hills praise God! The trees, wild animals and birds of the air also praise God!

Now it is our turn! Let all rulers, all people, and all ages raise our voices and unite our hearts in praise and in thanks. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love and purpose, you know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity, and how we shrink away when you ask us to walk through the fire of trial and suffering! God of sacrificial love, forgive how we expect to be honored and appreciated, and resist taking a humble place. Forgive our unfaithfulness and teach us to walk with steady obedience in both joy and suffering, in power and in humility. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose faithfulness unto death is the source of our own salvation. Amen.

*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.

Season of Easter: the color of white is the color reserved for the greatest celebrations in the Church's life.

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.

This year's Confirmation Class, made up of 14 eighth and ninth graders, has studied, laughed, and served together since January. We discussed the nature of God, prayer, Scripture, and talked about how our faith changes our decision making. Having met with The Session and professed their faith individually, today the Confirmands are recognized as full, adult members of this congregation and they promise to love and serve God in all they sav and do. Please keep these vouth in your prayers this week.

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 opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025

Bill Wannamaker & Dr. Ellen Skidmore

Sawyer Anderson
Cullen McCoy
Sadie Tyer
Taylor Catoe
JW Newman
Scotty Radeker
Cammie Jones
TJ Lillis
Lily Grace Shook
Sadie Tyer
Jane Watford
Caroline Webb
Lily Grace Shook

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

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

John 13:21-35

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Source, Guide and Goal" Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Rise Again" Holm/Mercer Ryan Poole, tenor

*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!

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

(Responsive Form from PC(USA) Book of Common Worship – p. 408)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

"Through Facets Shining Bright with Grace"

See insert

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG - HYMN NO. 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (verse 3)

"Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life."

*POSTLUDE

"Concerto No. 3 after Signor Vivaldi: Allegro" Johann Walther is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. (Luke 11:1-4)

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.