

Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
Officer Ordination & Installation
9:00AM—Sunday School

10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Covered Dish Luncheon &
Immigration Stories Panel (Fellowship Hall)
5:30PM—FLY
6:00PM—Session Reception (Rebecca
Timmons' Home)

MONDAY, JANUARY 12
8:15AM—Personnel Ministry (E205)
9:00AM—3:00PM—Wood Shop Office Hours

10:00AM—Circle 3 (Member's Home)
11:00AM—Circle 2 (S211)
2:00PM—Senior Ministry Planning (S211)
6:00PM—Care & Connections (E205)
6:00PM—Stephen Ministry (S211)
6:00PM—ZCC Prayer Group (Library)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13
7:30AM—Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00AM—Circle 1 (Fellowship Hall)
10:30AM—H3Hunter (E205)
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
6:00PM—Circle 4

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
9:00AM—3:00PM—Wood Shop Office Hours
11:00AM—Disciple Romans Study-Black/
Roberts (E205)
4:00PM—Book Discussion (E201)
6:00PM—Stewardship & Administration
(E205)
6:00PM—B365 Skidmore/Beckham (E205)
7:00PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
9:30AM—H3 Collins (S211)
12:00PM—FLPCafe (Fellowship Hall)
1:00PM—Mahjong Group (Library)
2:00PM—Caring for the Caregiver (E205)
5:30PM—Property Ministry (E205)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
9:00AM—Sunday School
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Disciple Romans Study-Rozek
(E205)
11:00AM—FLPConversations (E209)
5:30PM—FLY
7:30PM—Disciple Romans Study-Women's
Bible Study

2026 FLPC Board of Deacons

Sandra Allison, Taylor Barr, Christie Brown, Linda Etheredge, Gayl Fallucca, Keighley George, Sandra Horne, Lucy Leclair, Nancy Livingston, Katherine Patterson, Paul Van Wyke, Brad Woodward

2026 FLPC Session

Pam Bowman, Frank DiSilvestro, Beth Elliott, RD Folsom, Jamie George, William Hunter, Ginny Hutchison, Pete Pigeon, Dave Precht, Jane Shear, Tommy Stallings, Page Sundby

Worship Notes

***PLEASE BE AWARE** we live stream our worship and our services are video-recorded.

***CHILDCARE** is provided for all infants and children 6 years and younger.

***LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, BIBLES, AND BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask an usher if you would like to use one during our service.

***HEARING SYSTEM** available for those who are hearing impaired. You may bring your own earbuds to plug into the receiver if you would like. 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****

Office Hours are Monday— Thursday 8:30—4:30

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JANUARY 11, 2026 | OFFICER ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
Wilbur Held
Barbara Taylor, guest organist

based on Psalm 127

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Unless it is the Lord who builds the house, the builders’ work is pointless.
We commit our heads, hearts, and hands to do the Lord’s work! Let us glorify God!

***HYMN NO. 307** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Ages, we believe that the Church is your creation and that her life depends upon you. But we confess that we live as if the Church belongs to us. Too often the Church reflects our prejudices and opinions rather than your love and light onto the world. We confess that we think of church as an optional activity, rather than as a necessary community. We prefer to be in control and independent than faithful or interdependent. Forgive us, O Lord. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts so we may value, build, and participate in this community. In us may the whole world see and know your love and purpose. Use us as the Body of Christ. Build us into a Church where you may be known, loved, and worshipped! Amen.

Today we ordain and install new Elders and Deacons who provide the leadership for our congregation and for the larger Church. Deacons have responsibility for the care and nurture of our congregation. Elders have the governing responsibility for our congregation. Working together, the care of the Deacons and the governance of the Elders makes for a healthy and vibrant congregation. Elders and Deacons are elected by the congregation each year and submit to Officer Training classes throughout the Fall. New Officers take office in January of each year following their ordination and installation to active service.

When this symbol * precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit. **Bold print** is an invitation for the whole congregation to participate in worship by reading in unison.

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 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.

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/give/> or use the QR code below.



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, if you kept track of our sins, no one would have a chance!

But God's nature is to forgive. We give thanks for God's Grace!

Psalm 130

*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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Matthew 5:1-16

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Leadership—Jesus Style”

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

“Come to the Water”
Foley/Schrader
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.*

Psalm 130

*THE DEDICATION

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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Offices of Elder and Deacon
Constitutional Questions of Officers Elect
Constitutional Questions to the Congregation (see insert)
Prayer of Ordination and Installation
Charge to the Officers

*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. 314

“Christ, Be Our Light” *verses 1, 2, & 5*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG HYMN NO. 143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *verse 4*

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*POSTLUDE

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”
J.C. Bach

Sanctuary Flowers

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nicholas Ryan Poole & in honor of the Poole family by the FLPC Chancel Choir.

Ordination and Installation of Officers in Reformed Churches is always an act of the whole congregation. All Ministers, Elders and Deacons who lead in Presbyterian Churches are elected from the congregation by the congregation. Leadership is not assigned by some higher authority, but elected by the body who will be governed. This practice stems from the Protestant Reformation's resistance to the hierarchical structure of the Roman Catholic Church in which an appointed leader (such as a Bishop) appoints the leadership of a congregation with little or no input from the congregation.

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.