

## Calendar

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**  
9:00AM—Sunday School  
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00AM—Disciple Romans Study-Rozek (E205)  
11:00AM—FLPConversations (E209)  
11:00AM—Mission Trip Planning (E205)  
11:30AM—Lunch Bunch (Henry's on Sparkleberry)  
4:00PM—Pre-Confirmation Session 1 (E205)  
5:30PM—FLY  
5:30PM—Session Meeting

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**  
9:00AM-3:00PM—Wood Shop Office Hours  
1:00PM—Bridge Group (Fellowship Hall)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
7:30AM—Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
10:30AM—H3Hunter (E205)  
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**  
9:00AM- 3:00PM— Wood Shop Office Hours  
11:00AM—Disciple Romans Study-Black/ Roberts (E205)  
4:00PM—Book Discussion (E201)  
6:15PM—Handbell Choir (Choir Room)  
7:00PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**  
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
9:30AM—H3 Collins (S211)  
12:00PM—FLPCafe (Fellowship Hall)  
1:00PM—Mahjong Group (Library)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**  
*PW Retreat*  
6:00PM—Girl Scouts (E102)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**  
*PW Retreat*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
*PW Retreat*  
9:00AM—Sunday School  
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00AM—Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)  
11:30AM—Holocaust Remembrance Day Lunch & Panel (Fellowship Hall)  
4:00PM—Tina Todd's Funeral Service (Sanctuary; reception to follow in the parlor)  
5:30PM—FLY  
7:30PM—Disciple Roman's Study-Women's Bible Study Group

## FLPC Sanctuary Flower Committee

*Sandra Allison, Pam Bowman, Christie Brown, Shannon Fancher, Janet Holland, Cheryl Hunter, Stuart Hunter, Lucy Leclair, Catherine Maxwell, Mandy Pigeon, Adriane Radeker, Judy Timmons, Rebecca Timmons, Kristy Woodward*

## 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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## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

**"Voluntary in D"**  
John Stanley

*Barbara Taylor, guest organist*

*Season of Ordinary Time; the color of green reminds us of the life—of the Church, the life of the world and our lives as active disciples.*

*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.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
When we enter this sanctuary, we gather to worship God alone! Let us set aside everything that distracts us from seeking God, knowing God, and loving God.  
**O God, we are gathered to seek your presence. Fill our hearts with your Spirit! We are here to worship you!**

**\*HYMN NO. 720**

**"Jesus Calls Us"**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God of all ages and nations, you call us to trust in you and you have been faithful to us. But we are unable to be faithful to you. You call us to follow, but we prefer to lead off in our own direction. You call us to take up our cross and follow in the ways of Christ, but we prefer to have someone else suffer. We are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown and slow to risk discipleship that calls us away from the ordinary. We are embarrassed to tell others about our faith in Christ and seek out privilege, power and prestige. Forgive our sin. Forgive our uneven service and weak faith. Grant us the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be renewed and re-focused, living lives of faithful and costly discipleship. Amen.**

*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.

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**This is our hope and our salvation, and the source of our greatest peace. Alleluia, and amen!**

## \*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

John 12:20-28a, 35-36

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

## SERMON

"Core Practice: Equipping Disciples"

*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

## \*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.*

"Grace"  
arr. Mark Hayes  
*Chancel Choir*

## \*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 9 – Christian Discipleship (ll. 7-11, 15-28 & 97-102)*

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Christ calls us to live in disciplined freedom. Jesus came to set people free by the power of the gospel. In so doing he did not abolish, but fulfilled the law and the prophets. Through his teaching and the teaching of the apostles he showed what it is to be free and obedient. We declare Christ has freed us from trying to save ourselves by obeying the law. He restores to us God's law as a gift and delight. The law describes concretely the shape of our freedom. When we accept its discipline, it keeps our personal lives from being chaotic and increases our effectiveness in the church's mission.

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

## \*HYMN NO. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*SENDING SONG HYMN NO. 192 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" *refrain*

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

## \*POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Finale"  
Francesco Manfredini

## Sanctuary Flowers

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in loving heartfelt appreciation to the entire FLPC family for their loving support throughout this last year, by Sally Templeton.*

*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.*