

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

*Second Sunday in Lent
HS FLY Ski Trip*

- 9:00AM—Sunday School
- 10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00AM—Romans Disciple Study –Black/Roberts/Rowell (E205)
- 11:00AM—FLPConversations (E209)
- 11:15AM—Pre-Confirmation (E201)
- 1:30PM—Congregational Nominating Committee (E102)
- 7:30PM—Disciple Romans Study (Women’s Group)

MONDAY, MARCH 2

- 9:00AM-3:00PM—Wood Shop Office Hours
- 1:00PM—Bridge Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30PM—Congregational Retreat Planning (E205)
- 6:00PM—Care & Connections (E205)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 7:30AM—Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
- 10:30AM—H3Hunter (E205)
- 10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
- 4:00PM—Education Ministry (E205)
- 5:30PM—Service & Benevolence Ministry (E205)
- 5:30PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 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, MARCH 5

- 9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
- 9:30AM—H3 Collins (S211)
- 12:00PM—FLPCafe (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00PM—Mahjong Group (Library)
- 5:30PM—Property Ministry (E205)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

- 11:30AM—H3 Taylor (Bruegger’s Bagels)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 9:00AM—Property Clean Up Day
- 9:30AM—Kids Garden Work Day

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****

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MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”
J.S. Bach
Barbara Taylor, guest organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 121

When trouble comes, where do we find help?

Our help comes from the Lord, the One who made heaven and earth! Let us worship the one, true, living God!

*HYMN NO. 839

“Blessed Assurance”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Romans 10:5-15

O Gracious and ever-loving God, have mercy upon us. We like to think of ourselves as good people, and you know how hard we try to do what pleases you. But we don’t trust your love, and so we fear that we must be good so that you will love us. Fill us with your love so completely that our good deeds will flow out of a grateful and humble heart. We like to compare ourselves to others, especially when doing so makes us look good. We like to speak for you and determine who you love and how you work, although we do not seek your presence every day. Flood our sins with your grace and drown our pride with your love, so that we may live today as forgiven, freed, and grateful children, in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Romans 5:6-11

While we were still weak, Christ died for ungodly people. God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because of God’s love we can be certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath.

Because of God’s love expressed through the death and resurrection of Christ, we have a received a restored relationship with God. This is a gift of grace. Thank you, God!

The church year is divided into liturgical seasons. For each season, a particular color is evident in our paraments and banners. This is currently the Season of Lent and the purple color of the paraments mirrors the purple color of the Advent Season, as both Advent and Lent are seasons of preparation. During Lent we prepare our hearts for the betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

*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 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.

A short hymn of praise to God, emphasizing the trinity.

***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

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (NRSV)

4 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Walking in the Way of Jesus: Believe” *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.

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

“Believer’s Prayer”
John Parker, Joel Raney
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.*

***THE DEDICATION**

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Belonging to God: A First Catechism Questions 1-6

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.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace – God’s free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don’t you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

By worshiping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

***HYMN NO. 463**

“How Firm A Foundation”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG**

The Lord’s Prayer

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

***POSTLUDE**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
setting by Johann Pachelbel

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.



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. Catechisms (a series of questions and answers) have been used for instruction since the sixteenth-century. They provide brief summaries of Christian faith and life in dialogue form. Today’s questions come from Belonging to God: A First Catechism, intended for use with children who are third grade or older.

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.

Sanctuary Flowers

Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of H. Buford Goff, Jr. by the Lockwood Family to commemorate his 91st birthday on March 4th.