

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

*Congregational Retreat
Fourth Sunday in Lent*

10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Romans Disciple Study –Black/
Roberts/Rowell (E201)
11:00AM—FLPConversations (E209)

MONDAY, MARCH 16

9:00AM-3:00PM—Wood Shop Office Hours
11:00AM—Memorial Garden Committee
Meeting (Library)
1:00PM—Bridge Group (Fellowship Hall)
5:30PM—Coordinating Council (E205)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:30AM—Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
4:00PM—Capital Implementation Committee
Meeting (E102)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

9:00AM– 3:00PM– Wood Shop Office Hours
4:00PM—Book Discussion (E201)
6:15PM—Handbell Choir (Choir Room)
7:00PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

11:30AM—H3 Taylor (Bruegger’s Bagels)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00AM—Sunday School
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Romans Disciple Study –Black/
Roberts/Rowell (E201)
11:00AM—FLPConversations (E209)
11:30AM—Lunch Bunch (Henry’s on
Sparkleberry)
4:00PM—Pre-Confirmation Session (E205)
5:30PM—Session Meeting (E205)
5:30PM—FLY/JV FLY

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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MARCH 15, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”
setting by D. Busarow
Barbara Taylor, interim organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(based on John 9)
Cullen McCoy

We gather to worship because we believe that God is eternally and finally true, and that God can open our eyes to the truth.

O Lord, come and open our eyes and our hearts so that we may see you.

***HYMN NO. 462**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(based on Luke 24:13-35)

O Lord, you know how we like to be in the know. We keep up with the news, read opinions, and look down on those who do not know the latest information. We have strong opinions about what is true and false and surround ourselves with those who think like we do. We walk around sure of our opinions and experiences, but blind to your presence. We are more consumed with current affairs than we are to know you. Forgive our pride and certainty about temporary truths, and focus our desire instead on hearing your voice, knowing your presence, and recognizing your image in everyone we meet. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to see you! Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

from 1 John 4:9-10 (CEB)

This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him.

This is love: it is not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins. God’s love saves us.

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 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.

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

John 9:1-41

*Readers: Erlinda McCoy, Liza Hunter, Mays Shook, Jessica Agee, Becky Hunter,
Stephen Shook, Mazie Agee, Carter Agee*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Walking in the Way of Jesus: Truth”

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Ruth Roberts

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

“Grace”
arr. Mark Hayes
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**

A Brief Statement of Faith ll. 27-51 and 80

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 452**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Members of the choir, Delia Mears and Liza Hunter, will sing through our hymn once, and then the congregation is invited to join in as we sing it again together.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG**

The Lord’s Prayer

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

***POSTLUDE**

“What God Ordains Is Always Good”
Johann Walther

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.



Adopted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1991, this confession was written to recognize the reunification of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. These two churches had been separated since the time of the American Civil War (1859).

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 honor of
Judy Scott & Gracie McCoy’s birthdays
by Wendell, Erlinda, & Cullen McCoy.*