

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

9:00AM—Sunday School  
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00AM—Disciple John Study - Black/  
Roberts/Rowell (E205)  
11:00AM—FLPConversations  
11:15AM—Safety Team Planning (S211)  
5:30PM—FLY/JV FLY  
7:30PM—Disciple Romans Study (Women's  
Group)

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

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)  
1:00PM—Bridge Group (Fellowship Hall)  
3:00PM—Stephen Ministry (S211)  
5:30PM—Coordinating Council (E205)  
6:00PM—Care & Connections (E205)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:30AM—Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)  
10:00AM—Circle 1 (Fellowship Hall)  
10:30AM—H3 Hunter (E205)  
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)  
4:00PM—Education Ministry (E205)  
6:00PM—Circle 4

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

9:00AM- 3:00PM- Wood Shop Office Hours  
2:00PM—Disciple John Study—Black/  
Roberts (E205)  
4:00PM—Book Discussion (E201)  
5:30PM—Stewardship & Administration  
(E205)  
6:15PM—Handbell Choir (Choir Room)  
7:00PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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, APRIL 17

6:00PM—Girl Scouts (E102)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

2:00-10:00PM—NA Group (Fellowship Hall)

## Sanctuary Flowers

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and in loving  
memory of Lydia Clary by Mandy & Marli.*

## 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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APRIL 12, 2026 | SERVICE SUNDAY: NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

*Dr. Ellen Skidmore*

PRELUDE

Two Settings of “Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands”  
J.S. Bach (based on Hymn 237), F. Zachow  
*Barbara Taylor, interim organist*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Romans 12:1-2*

Because of God's mercies, we present our bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is our spiritual worship.

**We offer our hearts and lives to God to be transformed and renewed so that we can know and do God's will – what is good and pleasing and mature. We come to worship God and so be changed.**

**\*HYMN NO. 246**

“Christ Is Alive”

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST- MORE Justice**

*Becky Pittman*

**Romans 12:9-10**

“Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.”

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God of all life, through the resurrection of Jesus, the power of death was broken. Because of your love for us, a new life is possible now, and an eternal life in your presence can be ours for all time. But we are accustomed to living in a world where war, greed, sin, and self are at the center of our lives. We trust power and might more than love and grace. Love is difficult because we depend on our own power and trust our own opinions. Help us to see our own sin and weakness, to seek your grace and love, and to grow in our ability to give and to receive love. O Lord, transform us so that we may look, sound and act more like our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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

*Those who follow Jesus are to live in new ways, changed by God's love and grace. Based on the description of new life in Christ from Romans 12, today we hear from those who offer us opportunities to live rooted in love, service, generosity and joy!*

*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 is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. (Luke 11:1-4)

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Romans 12

In the resurrection of Jesus, death, evil and sin have all been broken. We are to live as those who love as Christ loves us, and who bring mercy and justice to the world.

**Through God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will not be defeated by evil, but will defeat evil with good. Thank you God!**

### \*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.*

### NEW LIFE IN CHRIST– Ministry of Hope

Sharon Besley

#### Romans 12: 11-13

Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic – be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people and welcome strangers into your home."

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

### NEW LIFE IN CHRIST– Rehoboth Food Pantry

Christine Maston

#### Romans 12:14-16

Bless people who harass you – bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status."

### TO RESPOND IN FAITH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ed Black

**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.**

### NEW LIFE IN CHRIST– Environmental Stewardship

Julie Lott

#### Romans 12:2

Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is – what is good and pleasing and mature."

### OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"  
Mark A. Miller  
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!**

### NEW LIFE IN CHRIST– Frontera de Cristo

Mark Adams

#### Romans 12:3-5

Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. . . . though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually belong to each other.

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967 (Inclusive Language Version)  
Part 2: Section 9:46c & 9.56

**The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The Church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.**

**"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."**

### \*HYMN NO. 733

"We All Are One In Mission"

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING SONG—HYMN NO. 175 "Seek Ye First" (verse 1)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

### \*POSTLUDE

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"  
Donald Busarow (based on Hymn 234)

Want to know more from one of our speakers today? They will be stationed around the sanctuary following worship to answer questions and guide you on how to get involved.. Stop by and see them!

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.



The Confession of 1967 addresses the church's role in the modern world. It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church's mission today and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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.