

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 26
9:30AM—New Member Commission (S211)
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, JULY 27
9:00AM– 3:00PM– Wood Shop Office Hours
1:00PM—Bridge Group (Library)

TUESDAY, JULY 28
7:45AM—Men’s Coffee & Fellowship (Lizard’s Thicket)
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
2:00PM—Senior Planning (S211)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
9:00AM– 3:00PM– Wood Shop Office Hours
12:00PM—Theo of Golden Discussion (E205)
5:30PM—Capital Campaign Committee (S211)
6:00PM—Bingo & Ice Cream (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, JULY 30
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
9:30AM—H3 Collins (S211)
11:00AM—FLPCamp Volunteer Meeting (Library)
1:00PM—Mahjong Group (Library)
6:00PM—NA Group (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, JULY 31

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Usher/Choir Safety Training

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
9:00AM– 3:00PM– Wood Shop Office Hours
1:00PM—Bridge Group (Library)
6:00PM—Care & Connections (E205)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
7:45AM—Men’s Coffee & Fellowship (Lizard’s Thicket)
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
4:00PM—Education Ministry (E205)
5:30PM—Service & Benevolence (E205)
5:30PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
9:00AM– 3:00PM– Wood Shop Office Hours
12:00PM—Theo of Golden Discussion (E205)
7:00PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

FLPC Chancel Choir

Pam Bond, Linda Byrum, Margaret Cundall, Randy Dailey, Joe Davenport, Ann Elsenheimer, Margaret Harris, Liza Hunter, Deborah Joyce, Norma Kirkland, Sandra Manning, Bob McKenzie, Delia Mears, Katherine Patterson, Becky Pittman, Ryan Poole, Sherry Presher, Tom Presher, David Skinner, Suzanne Sloan, Amy Smith, Cliff Steffen, Sandy Steffen, Page Sundby, Suzanne Thomas, Paul Van Wyke

Worship Notes

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

***HEARING SYSTEM** is 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.

****PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR
CELL PHONE****

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PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, “I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You must have no other gods before me.

There is only one true, living God. We are here to worship that God alone. Let us praise the one, eternal God with our whole hearts.

“Seek Ye First”

based on Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Ephesians 4:32

When we forgive as we have been forgiven, God's Grace changes us and those around us. **We accept God's forgiveness and pledge ourselves to be kind, compassionate and forgiving with each other. As forgiven people, we are grateful for God's love.**

*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.

*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.*

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS— Kayla David

“Blest be the Tie that Binds”

*“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.”*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Matthew 15:1-20

Ephesians 4:31-5:2 (CEB)

³¹ Put aside all bitterness, losing your temper, anger, shouting, and slander, along with every other evil. ³² Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ.

⁵ Therefore, imitate God like dearly loved children. ² Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. He was a sacrificial offering that smelled sweet to God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faithful Conflict?
Jesus and the Religious Authorities”

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

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
Dodd Lamberton
Barbara Taylor, Interim Organist

*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 Declaration of Faith – Chapter 9 -
Christian Discipleship (ll.83-102)*

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the worlds’ kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. 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. 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” verses 2-5

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG—HYMN NO. 192

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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

*POSTLUDE

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”
K. Lee Scott

Sanctuary Flowers

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Chris Ryker by Michael and Katherine Ryker.*

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.



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.

FLPC welcomes as members “all persons who trust in God’s grace in Jesus Christ and who desire to become part of the fellowship and ministry of Christ’s Church. . . .The Gospel leads members to extend the fellowship of Christ to all persons.” PC (USA) Book of Order G-1.0302

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)