

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
9:15AM—Faith Formation Teacher Safety Training (E205)
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Labor Day—Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00AM—Circle 1 (Fellowship Hall)
10:00AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
10:30AM—H3 Hunter (S211)
5:30PM—Service & Benevolence (E205)
6:00PM—Circle 4

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
9:00AM– 3:00PM– Wood Shop Office Hours
4:00PM—Book Discussion (E201)
4:00PM—Stewardship & Administration (E205)
6:30PM—Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00AM—Yoga (Parlor)
9:30AM—H3 Collins (S211)
12:00PM—FLPCafe (Fellowship Hall)
1:00PM—Mahjong Group (Library)
5:30PM—Property Ministry (E205)
6:30PM—Deacons (E205)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
9:00AM—Nature Walk/Hike (Harbison State Park)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Rally Day
8:45AM—Officer Training (E205)
9:00AM—The Story (Library)
10:00AM—Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM—Discipleship (E205)
11:00AM—FLPConversations (E209)
11:00AM—PW Coordinating Team (E102)
4:30PM—Youth Band (Choir Room)
5:30PM—Family Night
7:30PM—Women’s Bible Study (E205)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
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)

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

***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** 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.

***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

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

Gordon Young

Psalm 100: 1-3

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into the Lord's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord that made us, and we are the Lord's.
**We are the Lord's people, and the sheep of the Lord's pasture. Let us worship
God together!**

“To God Be the Glory”

Adapted from Romans 12-13

During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time", the color of the paraments is green. Because the color green is so often associated with life, the use of green during the seasons and the times when there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holidays) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into our church.

*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.

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

Psalm 103:8-13 (CEB)

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love. God won’t always play the judge; he won’t be angry forever. He doesn’t deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing because as high as heaven is above the earth, that’s how large God’s faithful love is for those who honor him. As far as east is from west-that’s how far God has removed our sin from us. Like a parent feels compassion for their children—that’s how the Lord feels compassion for those who honor him. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to 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.

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

Romans 13:8-14 (CEB)

⁸Don’t be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. ⁹The commandments, *Don’t commit adultery, don’t murder, don’t steal, don’t desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself.* ¹⁰Love doesn’t do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law. As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let’s get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³Let’s behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. ¹⁴Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don’t plan to indulge your selfish desires.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Some Steps Involved” Rev. Ed Black

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

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
arr. Patsy Ford Simms
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

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting; Amen.

*HYMN NO. 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG—HYMN NO. 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

*POSTLUDE

“Voluntary”
Jonathan Battishill

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 Apostles’ Creed is the most widely used confessional statement in the Western Christian Church, and next to The Nicene Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. It has its roots in the questions asked of candidates for the Sacrament of Baptism. A new believer would be asked, “Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?” and the new Christian would respond, “I believe.” (from *Presbyterian Creeds* by Jack Rogers)

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 & Dukes
Scott’s anniversary by Wendell, Erlinda, Gracie & Cullen McCoy.