SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
8:45AM - Officer Training Class (E205)
9:00AM - The Story (E201)
10:00AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM - Discipleship (E205)
11:00AM - FLPConversations (E209)
11:00AM - PW CT (E102)
1:30PM - Decker Collective Unity Walk (Forest Lake Elementary School)
5:30PM - Family Night & FLY
7:30PM - Women's Bible Study (E205)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
8:15AM - Personnel Ministry (E205)
9:00AM-3:00PM - Woodshop Office Hours
10:00AM - Circle 3 (E118)
11:00AM - Circle 2 (S211)
1:00PM - Bridge Group (S212)
3:00PM - Stephen Ministry (S211)
5:30PM - Coordinating Council (E205)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7:30AM - Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:00AM - Yoga (Parlor)
10:00AM - Circle 1 (Fellowship Hall)
10:30AM - Staff Meeting (E102)
10:30AM - H3 Hunter (S211)
2:00PM - The Story: Collins & Rozek (E118)
6:00PM - Circle 4
6:30PM - Private Event (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:00AM- HS FLY Bible Study (the Black's house)
9:00AM-3:00PM - Woodshop Office Hours
10:00AM - Daytrippers (City Scape Winery)
11:00AM - Ephesians/Colossians (E118)
4:00PM - Book Discussion (E118)
4:00PM - Stewardship & Administration (E205)
5:30PM - Children's Choir (Choir Room)
6:00PM - PW UKirk Dinner
6:30PM - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
6:30PM - FLY Steering Team (E205)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9:00AM - Yoga (Parlor)
9:30AM - H3 Collins (Library)
12:00P - FLPCafe (Fellowship Hall)
1:00PM - Mahjong Group (S212)
1:00PM - The Chosen - Ansley (Library)
6:30PM - Deacons (E205)
7:30PM - Private Event (Parlor)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
8:00AM - Public Safety Chaplaincy (Upstairs Education Hall)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8:00AM - Public Safety Chaplaincy (Upstairs Education Hall)
10:00AM - Gills Creek Cleanup

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:00AM - The Story (E201)
10:00AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM - Discipleship (E205)
11:00AM - FLPConversations (E209)
11:30AM – Joint Session & Deacon Meeting (Parlor)
4:30PM - Youth Band (E217)
5:30PM - Family Night & FLY

FLPC Livestream Team
Billy Agee, Ryan Bailey, Zachary Barr, Jodi Beckham, Jeff Dahlin, Shannon Fancher, Mike Ryker

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****

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME *Rev. Ed Black*

PRELUDE "Voluntary in C"
John Travers
Barbara Taylor, interim organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 78

We gather to tell the story of God's eternal plan and unbounded love so that we will remember to set our hope in God.
We gather to worship so that we will not forget God's works but will keep God's Law and live as God's people. Let God be glorified through our lives and in our worship.

***HYMN NO. 700** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Matthew 25

O Jesus, we believe that you are the very Word of God through whom all was created and to whom we all return at our death. You alone are eternal and true. We are temporary and always a mix of truth and lies. Forgive us for believing that our personal security, opinions, profit, or desires are more important than your design for the world and for our lives. Please help us remove our own egos from the throne that rules our lives. Come and be our Lord and Savior. Teach us to live according to your rule. Forgive our sleepy comfort-seeking, when you call us to stay awake and live ready for your coming. By your grace, make us ready for the life of faithfulness, mercy, and justice. In the name of the only true God, we pray. Amen.

During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time", the color that you will find 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.*

A prayer of confession invites to reflect on God's purpose for our lives. When we do this, we realize how we have missed the mark. This confession of our failures is not to make us feel bad, but to speak the truth about ourselves. The truth is that we sin. But the greater truth is that when we confess our sin, God's nature is to forgive so that we are free to try again.

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.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

That which is broken, God can heal. That which is divided God can unify. When we submit to God, God can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Lord, for the gifts of healing, peace, and unity we long. For your forgiveness and grace, we are grateful. Be Lord of our hearts!

***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.

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.

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 25:1-13

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Having What We Need When We Need It" *Dr. Ellen Skidmore*

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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)

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

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.

OFFERTORY "Arise, My Soul, Arise!"
arr. Brandon Boyd
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*

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)

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. 350** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG—HYMN NO. 654** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

***POSTLUDE** "Toccata"
John Krieger

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 Pat Thomas' 97th Birthday by Richard & Beth Elliott, Johnny & Lynn Thomas, and their families.