



NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Announcements

Congregational Leadership Team – Joint meeting of Session and Deacons. Third Wednesday of the month. Potluck supper, evening prayer, Odd months: business; Even months: formation and fellowship. Next meeting: March 15, 5:30pm.

Togetherness Council – Second Tuesday of even months, 10:30am. Next: April 11

Study Group – Thursdays, 1pm, at Stadium Drive Apartments (4249 Lakesedge Dr).

Potluck Lunch – Second Sunday of the month (Sep-Jun), after worship. Downstairs dining room at FCC. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Next: March 12

Togetherness Group – (269) 569-3826

Upcoming Activities

Date	Activity	Pickup Time
1/10	Old Country Buffet	10:30-11:30
1/17	Bingo	12:30-1:30
1/24	Movies	12:30-1:30
1/31	Lunch	10:30-11:30
2/7	Board Games	12:30-1:30
2/14	Valentine's Day Party	12:30-1:30
2/21	Kellogg Manor Tour	12:30-1:30
2/28	Lunch	10:30-11:30

February Birthdays: 3 – *Paula Dunkin*, 4 – *Jermey Zeock-Vilas*, 12 – *Larry Palmer-Braak*, 17 – *Lenore Huston*, 27 – *Marion Palmer*

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: [*Refrain*]
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [*Refrain*]
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: [*Refrain*]
5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: [*Refrain*]

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

THE PEACE

HYMN #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 WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 NRSV

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you

shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:38-48 NRSV

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

SERMON

HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

HYMN #606

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN #306

Blest be the Tie that Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

CHARGE AND BLESSING