

Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, Moved to Serve





Embracing the Word Toni Wesner, Dallas, TX collage on wood panel, 2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Prelude — "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas Dorsey

Anton Faynberg, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Passing the Peace

*Gathering Song "Gathered In the Love of Christ" by Marty Haugen

Choir & Congregation

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered here by God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: We are gathered here to rest – to find the refreshment the Spirit offers us

Leader: We are gathered here to hear again Christ's words of life

People: We are gathered here because the Father has had compassion on us.

All: Come, let us worship our God.

*Opening Hymn 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Verses 1,3,4,5

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Prayer of Confession — based on Psalm 130

Scott Wesley

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem. It is He who will redeem us from all our sins and iniquities; in, through, and for the sake of Christ we pray.

Silent Confession

Welcome!

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Guests, we invite you to take a white folder from the Visitor Information Center table at the front entrance of the church as you leave today.

If you need assistance at any time, please feel free to ask someone seated next to you or one of our ushers.

Children are welcome to sit with their families during worship or attend Children's Worship in Room 107 following the Time for Children message. Coloring sheets and activities are available for the children to pick up in the back of the Sanctuary. The Nursery is available in room 122.

CUBA UPDATE

Eric, Chris, and Ken just returned from Cuba. The trip was dedicated to the *Living Waters for the World*'s water purification project. We were joined by our partner in this project, Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

We assisted the church in deciding where to locate various parts of the system and how much capacity will be needed to store the raw water and the purified water. There were questions to resolve about water pressure and electricity.

Due to the current conditions in the country, we decided that a solar panel system would be needed. After some quick research, we decided on how many panels and batteries were needed and where to mount them for maximum sun exposure.

The Project Preparation Plan and

the System Management Plan were discussed, completed, and signed. Later, the Covenant was signed in the presence of the Remedios Church's Session. And then, we celebrated with the congregation.

Sunday School

Christian Education Programs Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 9:45am

Need more info? Contact: lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Nursery is available from **9:00 – 11:00am** every Sunday morning for children **birth to 4 years old.**

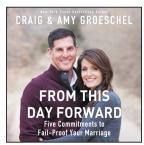
Children's Sunday School *PreK - 2nd Graders* are in Room 110. *Grades 3rd - 8th* are upstairs in Crow's Nest room. Both are following the curriculum *Follow Me* from PC (USA).

ADULTS

FOUNDATIONS Class: through Apr. 6th, we are studying *From This Day Forward: Five Commitments to Fail-Proof Your Marriage* by Craig and Amy Groeshel.

Everyone dreams of a fairytale marriage--the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect family. But reality tells us that these expectations don't hold up very long.

If you earnestly choose to do all five of these things, you will discover a richer, deeper, more authentic marriage. Starting right now--from this day forward.



Then from **April 13**th - **May 18**th, we will be doing a service project and we are calling this "*Moved to Serve.*" Help us do mission work that will help someone locally or regionally.

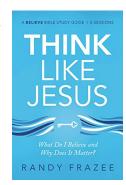
Join us upstairs in the *Wekiva Heritage Room* on Sunday mornings. Contact information for the leader and registration information if necessary: **John & Tara Dalles** at: through: through: 150%; through: 15

JOY Class: exploring a unique and different approach in the study of Bible Scripture called *The Serendipity Bible*.

This group meets in the *Reformation Room* led by **Don Beavers.**

SEEKERS Class: is beginning a new study titled *Think Like Jesus* by Randy Frazee. It is an 8-week study and will run through May 25th. In this 8-session, video-based Bible study, you'll dig into eight key beliefs about a Jesus-follower's relationship with God and with others. And you'll explore the answers to essential questions like:

- Who Is God?
- Does God Care About Me?
- How Do I Have a Relationship with God?
- How Does the Bible Guide My Life?
- Who Am I in Christ?
- What Is the Purpose of the Church?
- How Does God Value People?
- What Is Eternity Going to Be Like?



This group meets in *Pioneers of Faith Room* at 9:00 am. led by Jack & Jenny Perry.

= Other Study Opportunities =

WEEKLY

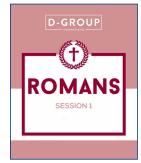
BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR OSCAR

Meets weekly on **Wednesdays** from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in Reception Hall. This study allows a deeper dive into the upcoming Sunday's scripture verses.

The class is conversational in nature and you can pop in at any time.

D Group is studying the book of Romans starting in April. D Group is a weekly Discipleship Group that meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Wekiva Heritage Room.

If you are interested in joining, email **Tara Dalle**s at: **tndalles@ gmail.com**



MONTHLY

2025-2026 PW Bible Study Circles → Sept. 2025 - May 2026

The **NEXT Horizon's Bible study** has been announced. It's called *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter; with Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker.

How do we find our resilience and joy in the midst of stressful life circumstances? By reconnecting to our spirituality, following women in the Bible, and studying Jesus' witness, we can discover a path that helps us fully embrace and celebrate who we are as faithful disciples.

Lesson One: Mary Magdalene, the Tower
Lesson Two: Mary "of a certain village"

Lesson Three: Jesus is Tested

Lesson Four: The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent

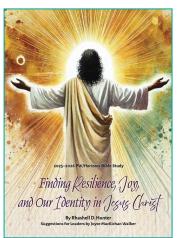
Lesson Five: The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor

Lesson Six: Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice"

Lesson Seven: The Woman Who Was Bent Over Lesson Eight: Remembering Jesus' Baptism

Lesson Nine: When You Are Walking With Jesus: The Road to Emmaus

Circles meet once a month every third Tuesday. There are three Circles; a Morning Circle, an Afternoon Circle, and an Evening Circle. Check the Church Calendar on our website for exact meeting times and places.









March 5-April 20, 2025

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-inneed around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- Through your congregation, see envelopes in the pews
- Online at <u>pcusa.org/give-oghs</u>

Assurance of Pardon — based on John 11:25

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Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me,

even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri 581 "Glory Be To the Father"

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* Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

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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.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

"Banquet of Love" by Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Doxology 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

A Time for Children

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Scripture Lesson — Philippians 3:4b - 14 and Psalm 124

Message — "To Find Our Gain in Christ"

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Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

*Benediction

Postlude

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Anton Faynberg, piano





