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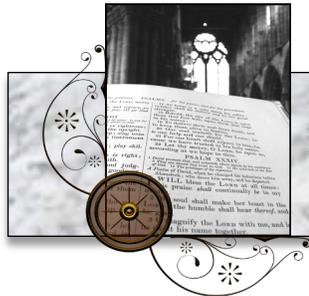
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*Our Vision - Our Mission*

To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the world.  
To be an inclusive downtown community of faith that  
seeks to embrace everyone in growing spirituality.



THE REV. DR. D. RONALD WATSON, JR.  
PASTOR

*Dear Friends,*

We have made and are making great progress in staffing our church. Jimmy Cazin is aboard as our Consultant for Youth Ministry and Contemporary Worship. Jimmy will be with us for one year, working 3 weekends per month. We also have hired a new Interim Associate Pastor to come work with us for the next year. I cannot announce his name until March 9, but I will do so in the bulletin and Inspire weekly news email on that week. He will specialize in Pastoral Care and assist with other duties according to his spiritual gifts. Our search for a permanent Choir Director is under way. The search committee is reading resumes and will soon begin interviews. In the meantime, Pat Greaves is doing a wonderful job filling in for us.

The first Sunday in Lent is March 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope you will prepare yourselves for this season of self-examination, study, and reflection, on the goodness of God and the great price paid by our Lord and Savior to save us from our sins. Each year, I ask you at this time to rededicate yourselves to spiritual disciplines: reading of scripture, prayer, meditation, self-denial, singing, or something that is just yours. If you are looking for a new daily devotional resource for Lent, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has put together a fine one. Go to: [https://www.pts.edu/devotional\\_1](https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1) then scroll down the page and click on "Download the Lent 2020 Daily Devotional (PDF)." We will also add this link to our website to take you directly there.

May God be with you in this season of reflection. Peace, Ron

# Peggy Wiechmann, Clerk of Session

## Session Brief – February 2, 2020

Mourned the deaths of Charles Hutcheson on 1/7/2020 and Ray Newhouse on 1/9/2020.

Accepted Zach Pagels and Raul Roman into membership.

Approved Letter of Transfer of membership for Edward Davis to First Presbyterian Church of Perry, Florida.

Approved the hiring of an Interim Associate Pastor with a minimum effective salary of \$65,000 and normal benefits for 12 months beginning April 1, 2020 subject to favorable reference checks.

Approved the hiring of Jimmy Cazin as a part-time Youth and Worship Consultant, 3 days per week at \$800 per week, 3 weekends a month to begin on February 13, 2020 for a period of 12 months.

Approved the use of our Fellowship Hall for the Ocala United Ecumenical Youth Group on February 23, 2020.

## Thank You's to FPC

- ◆ My cup runneth over with cards, notes, calls, flowers and visits from my church family. It helps tremendously to know I have such caring friends to comfort me after the loss of my brother, Ray.

*Pat Bishop*

- ◆ Dear FPC, Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to me! I have really enjoyed them during my recovery.

*Thanks again for your thoughtfulness, Amy Schlenker*



We hope you enjoyed our series on the Presbyterian Church Seal. In 1 Corinthians, Paul described the church as a body with many members, illustrating the pluralism of the church and the many gifts which God gives to its members. So also the seal's individual parts, when taken together, form an encompassing visual and symbolic unity, while not exhausting the richness of possible interpretations.

For more information about the seal design, you may want to order the book [Sealed in Christ](#) by John Mulder.

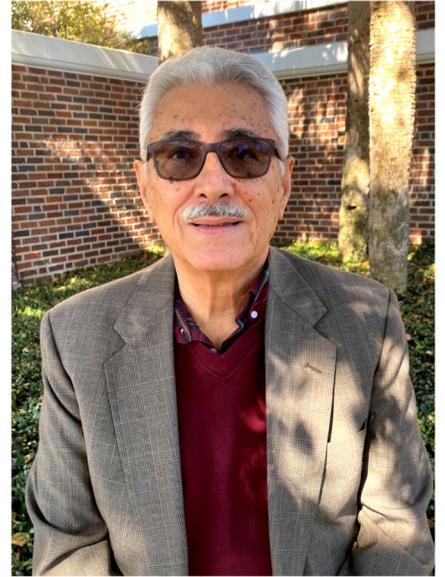
GRIEF  SHARE<sup>®</sup>

Meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

in the Conference Room.

# Membership

**Right:** Raul joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. He grew up in Puerto Rico and was a member of the Roman Catholic faith. His wife, however, was Presbyterian, so they worshipped together as Presbyterians. He is a retired Professional Engineer (PE) with B.S. in electrical engineering and he last worked for Duke Energy. He and his



**Raul Roman**

wife lived for a long time in Pasco County, Florida, but as her health began to fail, they eventually moved here to Ocala. She passed away two and a half months ago, and he is currently participating in our Grief Share group. He loves spending time with his family, traveling, reading and anything to do with technology! He has one son in Ocala, one in Arizona, and a daughter in Orlando. Raul attends the 11:00 service. Welcome, Raul!



**Zackariah D. Page**

**Left:** Zackariah (Zack for short) joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. He was born in Fork Polk, Louisiana and moved to Ocala at age two. He spent the last two years in Pensacola completing his Bachelors' degree in Archaeology. He teaches part-time with a private school/organization called CHAT (Christian Home School Academic Teaching),

and he also works at the Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology as the Trustee and Registrar of Collections. He is a pianist and enjoys reading in his free time. Zack prefers traditional worship and attends the 11:00 service. You'll find him down front! Welcome, Zackariah!

**Right:** Bob Van Winter is originally from New Jersey, but has lived in several different places in his life. He has lived in Florida for the past 22 years, most recently in The Villages and before that Palm Coast. Believe it or not, that is what brought him to First Presbyterian Church! He was a member of Dr. Watson's previous church in Palm Coast, and when he learned Ron was pastor of our church, he came to hear him and decided to stay!! We are so happy he did! He loves his particular village at The Villages and enjoys having dinners with his neighbors. He also likes golf, but enjoys reading and walking more. He has three sons, two of whom live in Florida. Since he lives in The Villages, it is difficult for Bob to become involved in activities at the church during the week, but has agreed to be a member of the Fellowship Team on Sunday mornings. Look for him and his red Fellowship Team name tag in the 11:00 service! Welcome, Bob!



**Bob Van Winter**

*Welcome to our Church*

# Presbyterian Women, Pat Greaves, Moderator

To ALL the women of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala



As we prepare our hearts for the Lenten Season, let us ever be mindful of the wonderful gifts God has given us. May we be open to share our talents and gifts and support the mission programs of Presbyterian Women through ministry as well as financial gifts to ensure that PW will continue to make God's world a place of hospitality and abundance for God's people for many years to come.

In our March Circle meetings, we will study Lesson 7, "Words of Love: Do Not Steal," in the Horizon Bible Study book, *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. The lesson's purpose is to expand our understanding of stealing beyond the concept of disrespect for personal property. Newcomers are always welcomed to any Circle. If you're interested in joining a Circle, please free to contact Pat Greaves, Moderator, at 362-0013. Come and join in Christian fellowship! Many thanks to Tom Weaver, who spends countless hours preparing the handout that goes with the lesson and who holds the mentoring sessions each month. THANKS, TOM!

**MANY THANKS** to all PW members for their generous support when we have a Memorial Reception for one of our parishioners. PW takes great pride in helping our church membership during this great hour of need and I want to make sure you know that your contribution to this mission endeavor for our church does not go unnoticed. Thanks to all and Praise God for your labors of love and your generosity!

**THE DATE OF THE PW SPRING GATHERING** has been changed. It will be held on **Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and will include lunch.** Please mark your calendar to note this date change. The original date was to be April 4th. The theme will center around Mother's Day. Watch for details to be announced soon.

Our church is hosting  
**CWU's World Day of Prayer** in our Fellowship Hall  
from 9:30 ~ 11:00 a.m. The theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and  
Walk". All women are invited. Circle chairmen, could you please ask  
someone to donate a finger food, (pastry or fruit), for our registration/  
fellowship time from 9:30 a.m.~ 10:00 a.m.? Thank you!



**Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings for March 2020**  
**Bible Study and Fellowship with your Sisters in Christ**

	Date	Time	Meeting Place	Contact	Phone
<b>Bible Moderator Mentoring</b>	Tuesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Room 1	Tom Weaver	622-6028
<b>Coordinating Team Mtg.</b>	Tuesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Room 1	Pat Greaves	236-0716 or 352-362-0013
<b>Circle 1</b>	Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Esther Arango-Palencia	732-6626
<b>Circle 3</b>	Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Sharon Shirley 8591C SW 93 <sup>rd</sup> PL. Ocala, 34481 352-304-8529	Liz Diener-Dickmann	732-6368 908-377-8913
<b>Circle 4</b>	Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Joyce Williamson	629-6373 789-0062 cell
<b>Circle 7</b>	Tuesday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Choir Room	Susie Marta	304-5416
<b>Circle 8</b>	Tuesday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Room 1	Lois Clardy	622-3053

**Presbyterian Women's Program Meetings for March 2020**  
**Ways to Serve with your Sisters in Christ**

Program	Date	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	Thursday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Liz Diener-Dickmann	908-377-8913
<b>WeCare Sewing Ministry</b>	Monday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Room 1	Evelyn Weaver	622-6028

## Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage

FLPP is a lay-led, three day spiritual retreat in which the main goal is learning about God's love for you. Through many expressions of listening, learning, singing, laughter and surprises you'll learn to know His Will for your life.

Experience has shown that attendees return home with a renewed commitment to serve in the work of the church as a result of their newly refreshed knowledge of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The 2020 retreat will be held April 23 to April 26 at The Retreat at Silver Springs. It is not an evangelical retreat but for committed Christians who desire a closer relationship with God. Dress is casual. Married couples may attend together, and it is co-ed. For more information visit [www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org](http://www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org) or call (352) 615-2262.





I am excited that one of the MAIN things that I've been asked to do is to work with the youth ministry here at FPC. I have years of experience working with Presbyterian youth groups and organizing retreats for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The foundation of my training came through Young Life, which emphasizes "relational ministry". I believe that you have to earn the right to be heard, and so in order to be effective in reaching teenagers and helping them grow in their faith, we have to build solid, authentic relationships so that we can earn that right to be heard. It's really true that students don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. One other bedrock truth I learned from the Presbyterian elder who started Young Life in the '50s is that "it is a sin to bore a kid with the Gospel". How about that? Youth ministry (any ministry) should never be boring! The message of Jesus is the greatest news any of us will ever hear, so my promise is that you will never be bored.



Jimmy Cazin

My hope is to build a team of adults (adults of ALL ages, including young adults who were former FPC youths themselves). My plan will be to not only create an appealing, engaging, fun youth group experience on Sunday evening, but also to equip adults to work with teenagers at FPC. If you are interested in working with the youth group and on this team, drop me an email at jimcazin@gmail.com. My promise to you is that as an adult leader, you'll probably get WAY more out of this than you expect, and you'll grow in your faith as you lead these students. Its a win-win.

Also, I wanted to let you know of a few things that are already on my mind. I would LOVE to put together a youth band, so if you play or sing, let me know. We are going to get those loud speakers and amplifiers in your youth room warmed up and cranked up, so get ready to have some fun musically. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 1st after church**. I will buy lunch for any student or parent who wants to come help reorganize the youth rooms!

Finally, I do enjoy playing outdoors, so I am hoping we can organize some Ultimate Frisbee soon. It's the greatest game for students, plus you burn calories and make new friends. Win, win, and another win. I have also gotten permission for us to take a **BEACH TRIP to Ormond Beach on Sunday, March 22nd** after church. More info to come, but just a day trip to the beach to hang out, enjoy the surf, throw the frisbee, and maybe sing some songs on the beach at sunset!

I am looking forward to meeting each one of you!  
Jimmy

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**JOIN FPC THIS SUMMER!**



**MONTREAT**  
CONFERENCE CENTER

We  Are

Montreat Youth Conference (MYC) is designed for high school students—from entering freshmen through graduated seniors, and for their group leaders.

**July 19-25, 2020**

Call the church office for more details and visit [www.montreat.org/events/](http://www.montreat.org/events/)



## Featured Acolyte of the Month

**Judson**

Son of Jeff and Margaret

3 special things Judson likes are:

\*Golf \*Flag Football \*The Gators



Judson

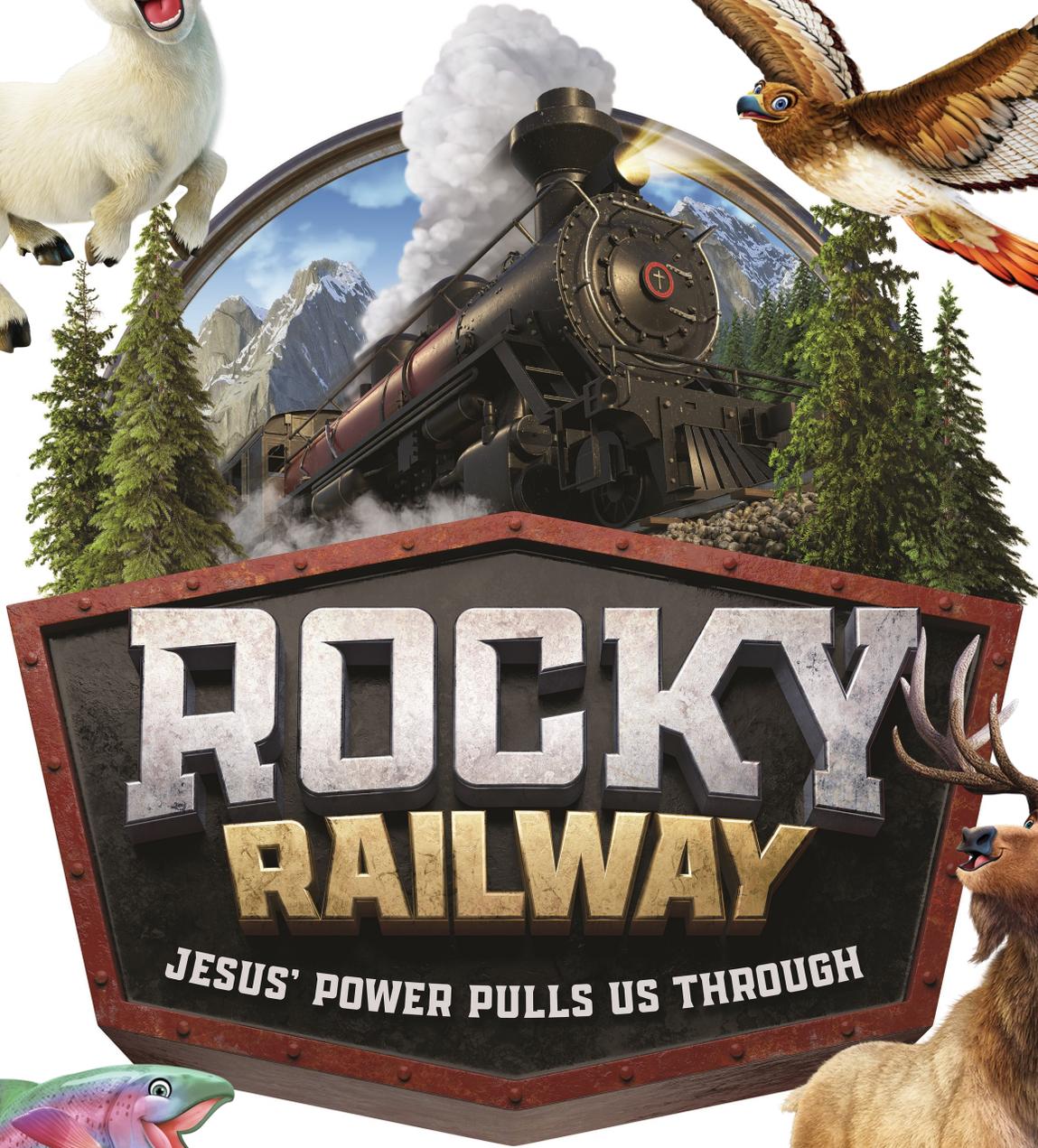
***Judson wanted to be an Acolyte because:  
he wanted to serve his church!***

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 is the **DEADLINE** to apply for FPC Post-secondary school education **SCHOLARSHIPS!**

**ATTENTION!**

Applications for the fall 2020 term are available in the church office. **The absolute final deadline** to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on **Wednesday, April 1st**. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Questions should be directed to Scholarship Committee members—Chair Kay Yancey, Todd Carstenn, Elaine Cox, Nancy Livesay, Paul Vowinkel, Bonnie Vorwerk or Tom Weaver.



**Join FPC this summer for  
Vacation Bible School**

**June 15-19, 2020**



# ***Funky Fun Tie Dye Night***

We are calling kids of all ages to come explore and engage in fellowship. Join us Friday March 6th from 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. for a evening of games, crafts, grooving, and moving for our funky fun tie dye night.

This is the seventh installment of our

**Kids Night Out** program,

which will always take place on a Friday evening.

PLEASE WEAR CLOTHES THAT CAN GET MESSY.

To RSVP contact Carly Albright at 352-362-7120 or

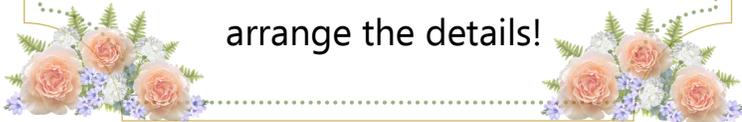
[carlyalbright55@gmail.com](mailto:carlyalbright55@gmail.com)

## **Donate Flowers for a Sunday Service**

You can donate a lovely arrangement of flowers for many different occasions:

- ◆ Birthdays
- ◆ Anniversaries
- ◆ Births
- ◆ To the glory of God
- ◆ Special events

There are envelopes in the back of church or Fellowship Hall. Fill out and put in the offering plate or bring to the office. You can also call the church office 352-629-7561 to arrange the details!



Attendance				
<b>Worship services</b>	2/2	2/9	2/16	2/23
8:15 a.m.	37	34	43	41
9:30 a.m.	67	65	78	69
11:00 a.m.	89	109	115	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>213</b>

The Out-to-Dinner Group will be having dinner at

**Amrit Palace**

3415 SW College Rd

March 19th at 5:30 pm

RSVP to Cathy and Dave Taylor

(352) 671-3730

By March 16th

# March Birthdays

<b>1</b> Julia Wirono Alison Luther Celine Mack	<b>7</b> Becky Schatt Rhonda Slone Debbie Vincent	<b>13</b> Nancy Winfree Ron Mosby Joe Vorwerk	<b>18</b> Elaine Sprowles Richard Grosso Larry Waldren, Jr.	<b>25</b> Mark Jank Casey Miller
<b>2</b> Ellen McCort Lee Anne Drake	<b>8</b> Michele Burgess Christie Bald	<b>14</b> Maranell Fleming Harry Batten	<b>19</b> George Tomyn	<b>27</b> Al Nolan Weldon Liberatore
<b>3</b> Doris Blagus Jeanne Vincent	<b>9</b> Kent Adams Carrie Waldren Courtney Yancey	<b>15</b> David Arango-Palencia Margaret McMichael	<b>20</b> Larry Sprowles HJ Rivers Eileen Demarest	<b>28</b> Eric Mosby Christopher Barrett
<b>4</b> Neil Townsend Darrel Hudson JJ Albright	<b>10</b> Bob Greaves	<b>16</b> Amy Schlenker Doug Gordon Jessica Labagh Caroline Kimball	<b>22</b> Nancy Wollett Jeff Kochen	<b>29</b> Devon Wiechens Zachary Johnson
<b>5</b> Marjorie Smith Tyler Brooks	<b>11</b> Jarl Hagood Bonnie Vorwerk	<b>17</b> Mariann McClary Aaron Labagh Margaret Baker Eve Lewis	<b>23</b> Diana Briggs	<b>30</b> Lynn Essick Felicia Runyon
<b>6</b> Tim Byrd	<b>12</b> Patty Holcomb Bill Russell		<b>24</b> Linda Reimer Jordann Blair Morgan Evans	<b>31</b> Ander McMichael

## PRAYER LIST

**Thomas and Debbie Ault**  
**Pam Butcher**  
**Sara Chey, Brenda Jones and family**  
**Shirley Cochran**  
**Randall & Linda Deyton**  
 (Pickard family prayer concerns)  
**Stewart and Diane Edwards**  
**Hank and Maranell Fleming**  
**Bill Green** (Richard Grosso's friend)  
**Richard Grosso**  
**Barbara Gowie**  
**Dick Hancock**  
**Jordan Kaufman** (applying for medical school)  
**Ken Kramer** (Evelyn Longo's brother-in-law)  
**Kathy Lance** (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)  
**Lois Lance**

**Grietje Lewis**  
**Renate Lipp** (Nita William's friend)  
**Kevin Lloyd** (Lee Ann Drake's cousin)  
**Celine Mack**  
**Skip McDonald**  
**Jerry Murphy**  
**Raul Nieves** (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)  
**Greg Robinson** (Carolyn Varner's brother)  
**Michael Rou** (Dr. David Albright's cousin)  
**Janice Schafer** (Palm Garden)  
**Tom Schurlnigh** (Ellen Matthews' cousin)  
**Deloris, Steve and Keith Shotwell**  
**Howard Tucker**  
**Nancy Wells** (Daughter of Shirley Wells)  
**Shirley Wells** (The Lodge)  
**Jill Hester Whitaker**  
**Bo and Sally Williams**

# Fellowship



*Love was  
abounding at  
our Valentine's  
Fellowship  
dinner!*



*Be sure to  
attend  
our March 11th  
Irish Fellowship  
dinner!*



We had wonderful attendance and great fellowship at our Valentine's Dinner.

**Join the fun at our next Fellowship Dinner on  
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**



After dinner we'll be celebrating with Celtic music and dance  
so wear your green!!



Dinner will be \$6, \$15 for families – Please make your reservations through the church office by March 9<sup>th</sup>, or on the Friendship Pad on Sunday.



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The Circular Window at FPC:

The background is made up of ornamental leaves and tongues of flame such as were seen over the heads of the faithful gathered in the upper room at Pentecost. Then the Holy Spirit descended to guide them and the Church down through the ages. At the center of the rose is the dove. This symbol for the Holy Spirit is derived from the account of Christ's baptism in Matthew 3 when Jesus "Saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him."

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