

Glad Tidings

MARCH 2024

WEKIVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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A Lesson on Baptism

You may have noticed that we have celebrated and enjoyed a few baptisms recently. In March, we will baptize five people into the waters of repentance and renew our pledge to be Christ's faithful followers to lead young ones into the maturity of faith. A baptism is a re-telling of the Easter story. It is a reminder that new life comes from death, and that God's promises will be fulfilled in His timing and providence.

When we baptize infants, we make a bold claim that before we can respond in faith, God calls us as His own. Also, the children of believing parents can enjoy the same covenant covering they share with Jesus Christ. While an infant does not know what is happening, we affirm that the Holy Spirit will continue to be at work in this child, so that one day they may profess faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. However, when we have adult or children's baptism, the emphasis changes.



Rev. Oscar Clavel
Pastor

This month, we will be baptizing children and adults who have made a profession of faith that they want to follow Jesus. In these baptisms, we affirm the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual who has led them to saving faith. As they are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we believe that the waters of baptism symbolize the death of the old person to the new creation.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new."

— 2 Corinthians 5:17 CEV

Jesus endured the cross and the judgment of death. At baptism we reenact the ancient story through water. The water symbolizes the journey all of us have gone through and the cleansing of our sins that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. However, God did something amazing on the cross. Jesus rose back to new life as an example for us that the curse of sin and death no longer holds us captive. Likewise, after the waters of baptism touch us, we assume our new identity as new creations who are sealed and set apart by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his church. Baptism is not the end of the story, though. In the reformed tradition, we believe that the waters continue to nourish and remind us of our salvation. Every time you see a baptism, you are asked to see yourself there again and remember the promises anew. No matter what you are going through, when death threatens your life or spirit, new life will always come in Jesus Christ.

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SUMMER VBS THEME AND DATES SELECTED
JOIN US FOR CAMP FIRELIGHT, JUNE 3rd-7th

Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. - Psalm 56:3

Each day, Campers see Counselor Sam face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and our Campers explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

Through these stories, this program will teach Campers about people in the Bible who experienced the gift of a trusting relationship with God. In addition, it will teach Campers to trust that God will go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, to give us peace, and spark joy as we celebrate the good news of Jesus in our own lives and in the lives of others. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Register this month on the WPC website: www.wekivapresbyterian.org/vbs



**SUNDAY,
 APRIL 7, 2024
 AFTER SERVICE**

Join us for a Hawaiian Luau featuring a meal and fellowship to celebrate the season! Bring your friends & loved ones.

**EVENT WILL
 BE HELD IN
 BACK
 PARKING LOT**

A sign up sheet will be in Reception Hall if you'd like to bring a dish or something to share!

THE BIBLE RECAP STUDY

Have you ever closed your Bible and thought, *"What did I just read?"* Maybe you've tried to read through the Bible but quit when it felt confusing or impersonal. **The Bible Recap** is here to help! It's a short podcast/video (8 minutes per day) and book (2 pages per day) by Tara-Leigh Cobble. She'll highlight and summarize that day's Bible reading in a casual, easy to understand way to not only help you read scripture but to love reading it!

Read through the New Testament with me starting on October 1!



[thebible Recap.com/start](https://www.thebible Recap.com/start)

Learn how to get started by visiting <https://www.thebible Recap.com/start>

or emailing Tara Dalles at tdalles@gmail.com



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Tara Dalles applies ashes to a young attendee on Ash Wednesday Worship



Pastor Oscar thanks Betsy Bone for the music featured on Ash Wednesday



Baptism of Emerson Laura Stewart, daughter of new members Ian and Kylie Stewart on Feb. 18th

The deadline for the APRIL 2024 GLAD TIDINGS is Friday, March 22nd. Send your submissions to abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Nurture Faith, Support Missions, Work for Justice and Peace, and Build Community

Secret Valentines for the Staff

Each week during the month of February, the members of the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team gave the members of the church staff "Secret Valentines" to show our appreciation of all that these folks do for us at Wekiva PC. We are blessed with a tremendous staff who go far beyond their job descriptions to make Wekiva a great place to be. Thank you, Oscar, Abbie, Lisa, Betsy, Aloma, Steve, Heather, Katie, Ben, Vic, Jim, Madiane, Gary, Sean, and Jennifer!



March 17th, 2024, is Gifts of Women Sunday

Everyone is invited to attend this special worship service led by our women of Wekiva. **Rev. Cecelia Armstrong** will be the guest preacher. The 2024 Honorary Life Membership Award recipient will be announced.

A reception will follow the service in Reception Hall.

Special GIFTS OF WOMEN Dinner, March 16th, Educ. Hall

In addition, all women are invited to have dinner with the **Rev. Cecelia Armstrong**, Associate Pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church on James Island in Charleston, SC. She was the worship leader at the last SOSA PW triennial meeting at Epworth by the Sea. She will be the Gathering speaker at the upcoming Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis, MO, in August 2024.

Cost - **\$10 per person**, Registrations are due by March 11, 2024.

Registration/Social Time 5:30 - 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

RESERVATIONS CAN BE GIVEN OR MAILED TO: Lois Harvey, 3688 Lomond Ct, Apopka, FL 32712 or placed in the **PW** mailbox. Please put your check in an envelope marked "**PW Dinner**."



SAVE THE DATE
Wekiva Presbyterian Church Community Yard Sale
Saturday, April 27 from 8am to 2pm

to benefit Mission projects supported by the church.



Donations drop off at the church on April 26 from 9am to 5pm



VOLUNTEERS are needed to help during the sale. Sign up on Sundays in Reception Hall or contact the church.

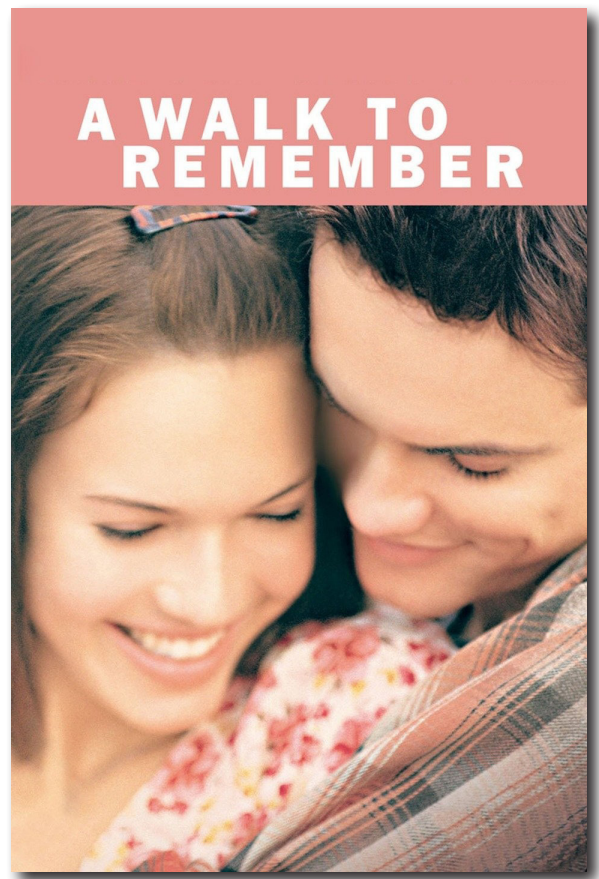
WPC Movie Night sponsored by the CNC
March 15th, 7:00 pm, in Crosswalk

Featuring: ***A Walk to Remember***, rated PG, 2002

Starring: Mandy Moore, Shane West, Peter Coyote, Daryl Hannah, Lauren German, Clayne Crawford, Al Thompson

Description: In the little port town of Beaufort, North Carolina, Landon Carter recalls his senior year in high school ... and the girl who made him believe in his dreams. Serious, self-confident and strong in faith, Jamie Sullivan does not concern herself with peer pressure. Aimless, reckless and superficial, Landon leads the cool kids, taunting anyone who doesn't meet their standards--including Jamie. When circumstances force these two opposites together, Landon and Jamie discover that the power of love can transform an ordinary life into one worth living.

Contact **Kim Freeman** for more info.



**Fri Mar 1, 2024****9am CCC Computer Class****Where:** Computer Lab**9am CCC Nutrition Speaker****Where:** Education Hall**Sun Mar 3, 2024****8:45am Foundations Group****Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room**8:45am Joy Group****Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom**8:45am Seeker's Group****Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit**9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade****Where:** Crow's Nest**9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade****Where:** Room 110**10am Children's Worship****Where:** Room 107**10am Worship Service****Where:** Sanctuary**3:30pm Middle School Youth Group****Where:** Education Hall, Crow's Nest**Mon Mar 4, 2024****7pm CE Committee Meeting****Where:** via ZOOM**7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal****Where:** South Transept Room**Tue Mar 5, 2024****9am Outreach Team****Where:** North Transept**9:30am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**10am CCC Fire Drill****Where:** School Campus**6pm Communication Committee Meeting****Where:** North Transept**Wed Mar 6, 2024****9:30am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**9:30am Pastor Bible Study****Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM**1pm Book Club****Where:** Reception Hall**1:30pm Staff Meeting****Where:** Reception Hall**3:30pm Kids Club****Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Educ. Hall, Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest**5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal****Where:** Choir Room**7pm Deacon's Meeting****Where:** Reformation Room and Zoom**Thu Mar 7, 2024****6:30pm HR Committee****Where:** Pastor's Office**7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal****Where:** Sanctuary**Fri Mar 8, 2024****9am CCC Computer Class****Where:** Computer Lab**Sun Mar 10, 2024****Daylight Saving Time starts****8:45am Foundations Group****Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room**8:45am Joy Group****Where:** Reformation Room and via Zoom**8:45am Seeker's Group****Where:** Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit**9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade****Where:** Crow's Nest**9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade****Where:** Room 110**10am Children's Worship****Where:** Room 107**10am Worship Service****Where:** Sanctuary**3:30pm Middle School Youth Group****Where:** Education Hall, Crow's Nest**Mon Mar 11, 2024****7pm CCC Board Meeting****Where:** via Zoom**7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal****Where:** South Transept Room**Tue Mar 12, 2024****9am Outreach Team****Where:** North Transept**9:30am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**10am PW CT MEETING****Where:** Reception Hall**6:30pm Property Committee****Where:** Reception Hall**7pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision****Where:** Crow's Nest**Wed Mar 13, 2024****9:30am CCC Chapel****Where:** Sanctuary**9:30am Pastor Bible Study****Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM**3:30pm Kids Club****Where:** Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Educ. Hall, Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest**5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal****Where:** Choir Room**7pm Mission & Benevolence Committee****Where:** Reformation Room**7pm Worship Committee Meeting****Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room**Thu Mar 14, 2024****1pm Cong Nurture Committee****Where:** North Transept**2pm Caring Friends of Wekiva****Where:** Reformation Room**7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal****Where:** Sanctuary**Fri Mar 15, 2024****CCC Spring Break Begins****7pm CNC Movie Night****Where:** Crosswalk

Sat Mar 16, 2024

- 9am PW Gifts of Women Dinner Prep**
Where: Education Hall, Big Kitchen
- 5:30pm PW Gifts of Women Dinner**
Where: Education Hall, Big Kitchen

Sun Mar 17, 2024

- 8:45am Foundations Group**
Where: Wekiva Heritage Room
- 8:45am Joy Group**
Where: Reformation Room and via Zoom
- 8:45am Seeker's Group**
Where: Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit
- 9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade**
Where: Crow's Nest
- 9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade**
Where: Room 110
- 10am Children's Worship**
Where: Room 107
- 10am Worship Service - Gifts of Women Sunday**
Where: Sanctuary
- 3:30pm Middle School Youth Group**
Where: Education Hall, Crow's Nest
- 4pm Youth Committee**
Where: Crosswalk

Mon Mar 18, 2024

- 1pm Election Day Set Up Sem. County Workers**
Where: Reception Hall
- 6pm Finance Committee**
Where: Reformation Room
- 7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal**
Where: South Transept Room

Tue Mar 19, 2024

- 6am Presidential Primary Election - Seminole County**
Where: Reception Hall
- 9am Outreach Team**
Where: North Transept
- 10am PW Morning Circle**
Where: Reformation Room and ZOOM
- 1:30pm PW Circle Meeting VOTG**
Where: VOTG, Annex, Spiritual Life Center
- 2pm PW Afternoon Circle**
Where: North Transept
- 6:30pm PW Evening Circle**
Where: North Transept

Wed Mar 20, 2024

- 9:30am Pastor Bible Study**
Where: Reception Hall no ZOOM
- 1:30pm Staff Meeting**
Where: Reception Hall
- 5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal**
Where: Choir Room

Thu Mar 21, 2024

- 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
Where: Sanctuary

Sun Mar 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

- 8:45am Foundations Group**
Where: Wekiva Heritage Room
- 8:45am Joy Group**
Where: Reformation Room and via Zoom
- 8:45am Seeker's Group**
Where: Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit
- 9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade**
Where: Crow's Nest
- 9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade**
Where: Room 110
- 10am Children's Worship**
Where: Room 107
- 10am Worship Service - Palm Sunday**
Where: Sanctuary
- 3:30pm Middle School Youth Group**
Where: Education Hall, Crow's Nest



Mon Mar 25, 2024

- 7pm Grace Notes Rehearsal**
Where: South Transept Room

Tue Mar 26, 2024

- 9am Outreach Team**
Where: North Transept
- 9:30am CCC Chapel**
Where: Sanctuary

Wed Mar 27, 2024

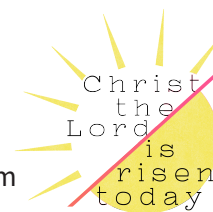
- 9:30am CCC Chapel**
Where: Sanctuary
- 9:30am Pastor Bible Study**
Where: Reception Hall no ZOOM
- 3:30pm Kids Club**
Where: Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Educ. Hall, Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest
- 5pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal**
Where: Choir Room
- 7pm AA Meeting**
Where: Reception Hall
- 7pm Session Meeting**
Where: Reformation Room

Thu Mar 28, 2024

- 7pm Maundy Thursday Tenabrae Worship Service**
Where: Sanctuary

Fri Mar 29, 2024 - Good Friday

- CCC and Church Office Closed**
- 7pm Good Friday Worship Service**
Where: Sanctuary



Sun Mar 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

- 8:45am Foundations Group**
Where: Wekiva Heritage Room
- 8:45am Joy Group**
Where: Reformation Room and via Zoom
- 8:45am Seeker's Group**
Where: Pioneers in Faith and ZOOM unit
- 9am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade**
Where: Crow's Nest
- 9am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade**
Where: Room 110
- 10am Children's Worship**
Where: Room 107
- 10am Worship Service - Easter**
Where: Sanctuary
- 3:30pm Middle School Youth Group**
Where: Education Hall, Crow's Nest

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH 2024

- Mar 10 — Spring Forward - time change
- Mar 15 — CCC Spring Break begins
- Mar 15 — CNC Movie Night
- Mar 16 — Gifts of Women Dinner w/ Rev. Armstrong
- Mar 17 — Gifts of Women Sunday
- Mar 19 — PW Circle Meetings
- Mar 24 — Palm Sunday
- Mar 28 — Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship
- Mar 29 — CCC & Office Closed Good Friday
- Mar 31 — Easter Sunday

Note: This calendar shows WPC & CCC EVENTS; not any of the support groups, scouting groups, or other outside events that are part of our Master Schedule.

Go to:
www.wekivapresbyterian.org/calendar/
for all events



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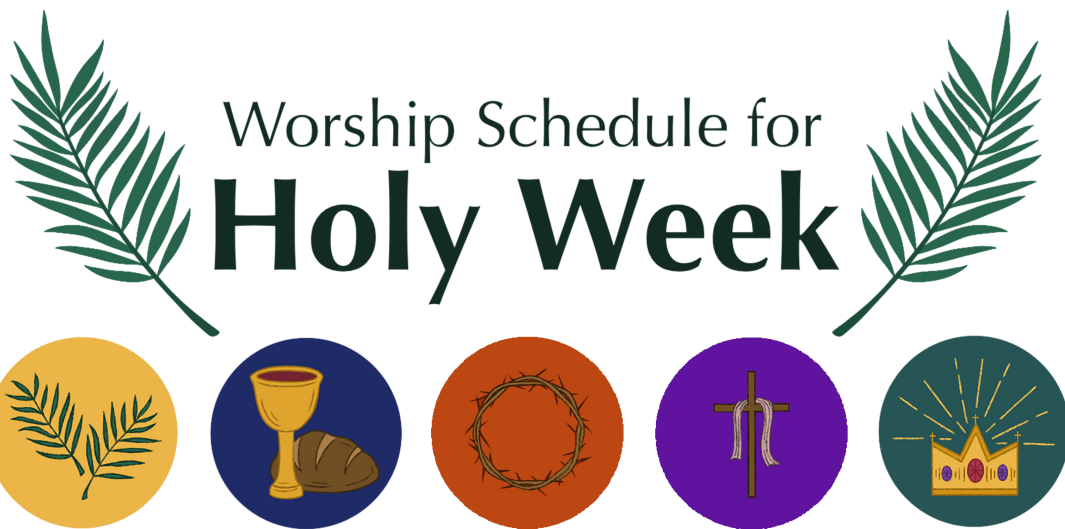
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 7:00pm

Good Friday *Tenebrae* Service, March 29th, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 10:00am