



**WEKIVA**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, Moved to Serve*

March 23, 2025



*Words from God*  
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# SUNDAY WORSHIP - Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

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*Prelude* — “Majesty” by Jack Hayford, arr. by Mark Hayes

Anton Faynberg, piano

*Welcome and Announcements*

Rev. Oscar Clavel

*Cuba Water Mission Commissioning*

*Passing the Peace*

*\*Gathering Song* “Gathered In the Love of Christ” by Marty Haugen

Choir & Congregation

*\*Call to Worship* — based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Rev. Oscar Clavel

**Leader:** Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People:** We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

**Leader:** Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People:** We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship Him, and we rejoice!

**Leader:** Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**ALL:** We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*\*Opening Hymn 694* “Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

*Prayer of Confession* —

Gary Smith

God of compassion, You are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to You with penitent hearts.

Receive in Your loving embrace all who come home to You. Seat them at Your bountiful table of grace, that with all Your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, as we silently pray.

*Silent Confession*

\*All are invited to stand.

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# *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.

## ***Remedios Church Just Keeps Getting Better***

We were concerned. The charismatic and loved Pastor, Jesus & wife, Marielys (fellow pastor of Camajuani), left Cuba on a two year sabbatical to Miami in June 2024. Up stepped Maligros, the Lay Pastor, Elder and Jesus' close associate. She is different. She adds so many complements to Jesus' talents. A bit shy, but organized, nurturing and quick to use limited resources available to her.



The church now sparkles with new paint, plants, artwork, & sitting areas. The painted tiles, crafts, needlepoint and embroidery grace the walls. It creates a welcoming feeling. Attendance is up because it feels like home to the congregation, both young and old.

Like my fellow Cuba traveler and friend Kim states... *"When we come here, it feels like home."* Oh, so true. Our prayers have been answered. Truly the work of the "Holy Spirit."

Praise God.

*Eric Saegebarth*

# Sunday School

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

Need more info? Contact: [lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

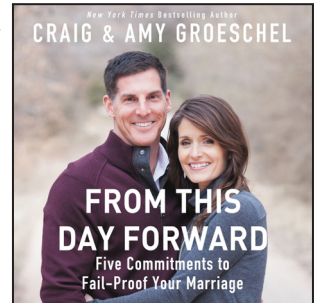
**Children's Sunday School** *PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders* are in Room 110. *Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>* are upstairs in Crow's Nest room. Both are following the curriculum *Follow Me* from PC (USA).

## ADULTS

**FOUNDATIONS Class:** though Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, we are studying *From This Day Forward: Five Commitments to Fail-Proof Your Marriage* by Craig and Amy Groeschel.

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.



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

**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 studying *Experience Jesus. Really.* by John Eldredge through March 30th.

In today's age, we are all becoming disciples of the Internet. Our weary, skeptical world is keeping us from experiencing the God we are dying without.

In *Experience Jesus. Really.*, author John Eldredge presents a powerful alternative to the soulless, disenchanted world we find ourselves in today: the path of the ordinary mystic. Readers will:

- re-gain childlike faith in the reality of God's constant, available presence to those who seek him;
- discover the biblical foundations for the mystical tradition in Christianity; and
- learn practices, habits, and prayers that will transform their ability to hear the voice of Jesus in their day-to-day lives.



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 Dalles at:  
[tndalles@gmail.com](mailto:tndalles@gmail.com)

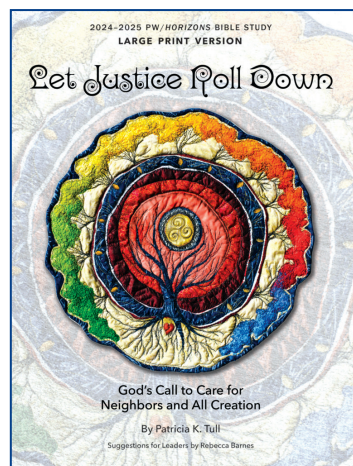


### MONTHLY

#### 2023-2024 PW Bible Study Circles → Sept. 2024 - May 2025

This year's Horizon's Bible study book ***Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*** by Patricia K. Tull; with Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes.

According to Scripture, the earth and its members belong to God. We are called to care for creation not only because God loves it, but also because a healthy creation supports human well-being. This PW Horizons Bible study is an invitation to explore and to act, with all our hearts, in responding to an issue that impacts all life on God's earth. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment.



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.

# Holy Week Worship

at Wekiva Presbyterian Church

211 Wekiva Springs Lane, Longwood, FL 32779



**Palm Sunday**

Message: To Proclaim Christ

**April 13, 10am**



**Maundy Thursday**

Message: Last Things

**April 17, 7pm**



**Good Friday**

Message: It is Finished

**April 18, 7pm**



**Easter Sunday**

Message: Our Greatest Joy

**April 20, 8am & 10am**



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## Vacation Bible School

**June 2 - 6, 2025**

**9:00am- 12:30pm**

**Ages PreK-5th Grade**



**REGISTER NOW!**

[www.wekivapresbyterian.org/vbs/](http://www.wekivapresbyterian.org/vbs/)

### ❖ LUNCH BUNCH ❖



**VIDA**  
COCINA & TEQUILA

Today's Lunch Bunch are going to **Vida Cocina and Tequila**, 275 W State Rd 436, Altamonte Springs.

Please see **Cheryl Richards** in Reception Hall after Worship so that she can make reservations.

*Assurance of Pardon* — from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Gary Smith

**Leader:** The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.  
Friends, receive the Good News of the Gospel.

**All:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*\*Gloria Patri 582 “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

GLORY TO GOD(VASILE)

*\* Affirmation of Faith* — Barmen Declaration of Faith

Gary Smith

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. Amen.

*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings*

Rev. Oscar Clavel

*Special Music* — “Aria” by Cynthia Dobrinski

Grace Notes

*A Time for Children*

Lisa Prewitt

*Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer*

*Scripture Lessons* — Isaiah 55:1-9 and Psalm 63:1-4

*Message* — “To Seek Him While He May Be Found”

Rev. Oscar Clavel

*\*Closing Hymn 418 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*\*Benediction*

*Postlude*

Anton Faynberg, piano



*A Stephen Minister will be available in the North Transept Room following worship  
to pray with anyone who would appreciate personal prayer.*



## **Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Luncheon** *"Through the Decades"*

**April 6th, 2025, 11:30am in Education Hall**

Join us for a trip down memory lane when we celebrate the many decades you remember so well. Come dressed in the clothing style of the decade of your youth or any fun decade that suits your fancy! A delicious lunch of lasagna, salad, and bread sticks will be catered by *The Olive Garden* and of course we'll have birthday cake for dessert!

We'll be playing the ever popular game of **"Name That Tune!"** to test your memory of music from bygone days. And we'll be showing a PowerPoint of childhood photos from our own Wekiva women, which promises to be great fun as we guess the name of the person in each picture. If you would like to include your own childhood photo in the line-up, give your photo to **Lois Harvey** by **March 23rd**. Regular photos should have your name and the decade in which the photo was taken, marked on the reverse side in pencil (or use an address label). For digital photos, you need to make the digital file name as follows: YOUR NAME, DECADE THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN. Then email your photo to Lois at [Lsharvey17@gmail.com](mailto:Lsharvey17@gmail.com).

The PW Birthday Offering will be collected at the luncheon. This annual offering **funds mission projects** all over the world bringing hope, healing and life saving care to those so desperately in need.

Ladies, you may sign up to attend the luncheon right after worship today in Reception Hall. Cost is **\$15.00**. Hope to see all our Wekiva women on April 6th!



**Sunday, March 23rd, 4:30pm,  
Sanctuary**

### *Musica Divina*

Join us as our staff Organist/Pianist Anton  
Faynberg presents a sacred music experience.

