



WEKIVA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, Moved to Serve

HAPPY
Easter

April 20, 2025



At the Empty Tomb
artist unknown

Watercolors on paper, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude — Easter Hymn Medley

Anton Faynberg

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Gospel Lesson — John 20:1-18

Betsy Bone

Passing the Peace

**Gathering Song* 236 “The Strife is O’er” verse 1 and 4

VICTORY

**Call to Worship*

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as His own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Opening Hymn* 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession — based on Psalm 130

Stephanie Hebert

Gracious God, by Your power is Jesus Christ raised from death to new life to rule this world with love. We confess that we have heard this Good News, but at times have lived as though it were not true. You have given us a song to sing and a story to tell, but we confess that we have only hummed the tune and mumbled the words. Fill us, O God, with the confidence of faith such that we may live in the light of the resurrection and boldly share the hope of salvation with our neighbors and friends. Help us to walk through this life with eyes open to the beauty and glory of Your presence, both now and in Your Kingdom yet to come. This we pray together and in the silence of our hearts, in the name of the Risen Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

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.



You're Invited!

Church Picnic

Sunday, April 27th
after worship
in the back Parking Lot
or Education Hall if it rains.

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SIGN UP
IN RECEPTION HALL.
BRING A DISH TO
PASS!

Join us for a cowboy and western themed BBQ lunch to celebrate our community. Bring your friends and loved ones.

Musica Divina
a sacred music experience
by Anton Faynberg
April 27th, 4:30pm
in the Sanctuary



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: from April 13th - May 18th, 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.

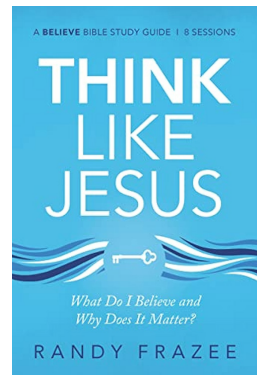
Join us upstairs in the **Wekiva Heritage Room** on Sunday mornings. Contact information for the leader and registration information if necessary: **John & Tara Dalles** at: tndalles@gmail.com

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: are doing a 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**.

WEEKLY = Other Study Opportunities =

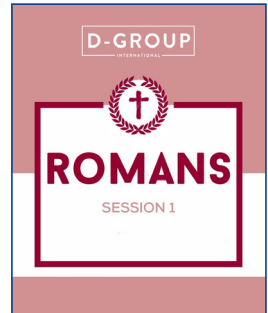
BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR OSCAR

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: tdalles@gmail.com

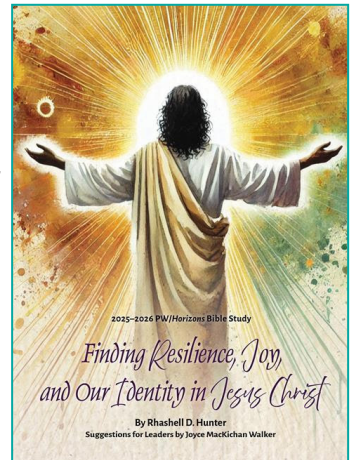


MONTHLY

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.



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| Lesson One: | <i>Mary Magdalene, the Tower</i> |
| Lesson Two: | <i>Mary "of a certain village"</i> |
| Lesson Three: | <i>Jesus is Tested</i> |
| Lesson Four: | <i>The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent</i> |
| Lesson Five: | <i>The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor</i> |
| Lesson Six: | <i>Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice"</i> |
| Lesson Seven: | <i>The Woman Who Was Bent Over</i> |
| Lesson Eight: | <i>Remembering Jesus' Baptism</i> |
| Lesson Nine: | <i>When You Are Walking With Jesus: The Road to Emmaus</i> |

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.



Kids Club is an exciting mid-week children's program designed for ages Kindergarten – Fifth Grade. We meet every Wednesday September – May during the school year.

Crafts • Music • Bible Stories • Fellowship

Drop off is at **3:30pm** at the playground at the back of the church and pick up is at the front of the church by the Christian Child Center sign at **5:30pm**.

Please feel free to contact **Lisa Prewitt** if you have any additional questions or need more information at:

lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org



For our VBS Service Project, we are collecting backpacks and having the kids fill them with items for the organization *Fostering Kindness*.

[You can see more info at:
www.fosteringkindness.org]

For backpacks, we hope to collect 50% for elementary kids

and 50% for teens. **Full size backpacks** are best so that they have room for us to fill the bags. For the **teens**, these are typically around 17" or bigger, which it will usually state on the tags. Brand-name backpacks such as Puma, Adidas, Champion, Jansport, and Nike are preferred for the teens to help them fit in with peers in a new school. For elementary kiddos, any quality brands will be great. The goal is for these bags to last all year. Look for a sign in Reception hall of where to drop off the backpacks.



The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Becki Markoff
in loving memory of her brothers, Richard and Paul.



Assurance of Pardon

Stephanie Hebert

Leader: The Apostle Paul writes, “*I remind you of the Good News which you received, in which you stand and by which you are saved: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and on the third day was raised again to new life.*” Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

**Gloria Patri 581 “Glory Be to the Father”*

GLORIA PATRI(GREATOREX)

**Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles’ Creed*

Stephanie Hebert

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.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

“The Lord Is Risen” by Michael Barrett

Chancel Choir

Time for Children

Lisa Prewitt

Unison Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Oscar Clavel

O God, for our redemption You have given Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Therefore, grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day a new person may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

Scripture Lesson — Matthew 28:1-10 and John 20:19-23

Message — “Our Greatest Joy”

Rev. Oscar Clavel

*“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here, for he has risen.”*

***Closing Hymn 238 “Thine Is the Glory”**

JUDAS MACCABEUS

***Benediction**

Postlude — “Classical Easter” by Michael Helman

Grace Notes



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



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