

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, November 21, 2021

Welcome (Bart Box)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
⁷God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him! (Psalm 67)

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and long for comfort,
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,
To all who fail and desire strength,
To all who sin and need a Savior,



This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,
the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the guilty,
the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners.
Welcome!

Songs

- 1) "Let the Nations Be Glad"
- 2) "By Faith"

Public Reading of Scripture – Acts 2:42-47 (Liz Casement)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (James Finch)

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:27-29)

³⁰"The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:30-32)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.



From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

[*that is the true Christian church of all times and all places]

Songs

3) "His Mercy Is More"

4) "Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage (Alicia Hunsberger)



Words of Life: Mission

Acts

Main Idea: King Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to empower his ambassadors to build his church to the ends of the earth for the glory of God.

- *[46] ... "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Luke 24:46–47)*

King Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

- The importance of the ascension: Jesus is King!
- The importance of sending the Holy Spirit: God's people are empowered!

[7] Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. [8] And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment... [13] When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (John 16:7–8, 13)

- Are you living as if this is true?

To Empower His Ambassadors to Build His Church

- Proclaiming the good news boldly

The Lord's Supper

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29)

Song

5) "Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

Offering

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Prayer of Intercession (Nick Murray)

For Our Church

For God to grow us as a church and as individuals: in evangelistic zeal, in our faithfulness to Christ regardless of personal or social cost, in our commitment to the church as God's plan for establishing his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, in our dependence upon the Holy Spirit to carry out the will of God in our lives, and in getting the gospel into every corner of our lives and every corner of the globe.

For Our City

For Iron City Church, pastor Isaac Adams, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation



For our nation, that God would bring true spiritual revival, that people would grow dissatisfied with their sin and long for the truth of the gospel, and that healthy churches would display the glory of God and the hope of the gospel to those around them.

For Our World

For CFC Members Dennis and Melynda Schauer and their ministry to international students here at UAB, that God would continue to give them relationships with more and more students, that among those students they would build trust and relational equity so as to pave the way for the gospel, and that students they reach would become evangelists among their families and friends.

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.”

Benediction

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost



What's Happening at Christ Fellowship...

No Men's Theology Breakfast This Week

No meeting this week. Back again on Tuesday, November 30th at 6:20am.

ABCH Christmas Gifts

Each year, we have the opportunity to support children and moms who are in the care of one of our local partners, the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. The best way to sign up for a gift is to check the link in your midweek announcement email. Gifts need to be unwrapped, with a post-it note or sticker with the recipient's name somewhere on the gift, and brought to church and dropped off any Sunday morning from now until December 5th. There are many gifts to be bought, which means ample opportunities for many of us to be involved! If you have questions, you can email Keri Westbrook at kwestbrook@cfcbermingham.org.

Members' Meeting – Sunday, December 5th at 5:00pm

All members are encouraged to attend the Members' Meeting on Sunday, December 5th at 5:00pm. Our time together will include a fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall, affirmation of new members, approval of the 2022 budget, and other important items of business.

Christmas Concert with Eliza Warden – December 3rd at 7:00pm

CFC member Eliza Warden invites you to a Christmas worship concert at CFC on December 3rd at 7:00pm introducing her new bilingual Christmas album, God With Us. Eliza will share the story of how God worked in her life and how she came to write each song. Everyone is welcome! This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy an evening of inspirational music and hear the Gospel.

Women's Christmas Night of Service at ABCH – December 2nd

Bring your elementary age & older kids on Thursday, December 2nd, and join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and service at Alabama Baptist Children's Home. Register at cfcbermingham.org/women.

Directory Updates

For all members of CFC, if you have recently moved, added children to your family, or would like to update your email address or picture in the church directory, please email those updates to Nick Murray at nmurray@cfcbermingham.org.

