

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONNECTIONS**—We welcome all who attend as our honored guests. Please complete the Connections Card in the pew if you are new. You may drop it off at the Connections Desk or place it in the offering. Stop by the Connections Desk to allow us to welcome you to our church.

**SOUL FOOD ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**—Class will be held in the Parlor studying Colossians.

**WOMEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST**—**Saturday, January 27th at 8:30-10:30am** All women are invited to attend our annual Women’s Prayer Breakfast held in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. If you need a ride to the breakfast or want to attend virtually, please e-mail Sahayini Kumar at [sahayini@gmail.com](mailto:sahayini@gmail.com).

**ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS**—We are currently accepting nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Nomination forms with the necessary qualifications are available at the Connections Desk along with a list of Elders and Deacons completing their term. Please submit to Adrienne at: [fcfoffice@fcfchurch.org](mailto:fcfoffice@fcfchurch.org). The deadline is **Sunday, January 28, 2024**.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK**—**Sunday, February 4 following worship** We will have a Congregational Meeting after worship. There will be NO Sunday School or Soul Food. Following the meeting, we will have a Potluck together in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to bring a dish to share with the following guidance according to your last name: A-L side/dessert M-Z Main dish.

**SPRING DISCOVER FAITH**—**Sundays April 14, 21, 28 following worship** Save the dates if you are interested in learning more about who we are, what we do and why as a Faith family.

**BABY IT’S COLD OUTSIDE . . . BUT SUMMER IS ACOMIN’**—**Tuesday & Wednesday nights in July** STOP right there! Don’t make any plans for July! You will want to be at Faith for our spectacular annual Summer@Faith for children and youth. You won’t want to miss the 2024 line up. Plans are in the making with favorites and new options. Faith FUN—that’s what it’s all about. Comin’ in a mere **6 months!!!**



*To all* who are spiritually weary and seek rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who struggle and desire victory, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who are strangers and want fellowship, to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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We have LARGE print and braille Bibles. See an Usher if you are interested.

A full listing of all our servant leaders is available at the Connections Desk in the lobby.

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Calendar and materials from Sunday services are available online at [www.fcfchurch.org](http://www.fcfchurch.org)

Sunday, January 21, 2024  
Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Elder Simon Ocailap

CALL TO WORSHIP—From Psalm 66

Leader: “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

People: How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.’

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.

All: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!”

SONGS OF PRAISE—There is Power in the Blood; Because He Lives

CORPORATE PRAYER—Elder Simon Ocailap

SONG OF ADORATION—Before the Throne of God Above

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Isaiah 56:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Revelation 7:9-12

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen. *Moment of Silence for Personal Confessions.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Leader: Church, receive the Good News! God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. People: AMEN!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDS OF JESUS

SERMON “Cultural Awareness”                      Acts 15:13-29                      Pastor JB Watkins

CLOSING SONG—Our God

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

SERMON “Cultural Awareness”                      Acts 15:13-29                      Pastor JB Watkins

Faith Unity Declaration:

We commit ourselves to acquiring greater cultural awareness and sensitivity, starting first with our own cultural bias and prejudices, recognizing that we live in a multicultural city and world. We believe that cultural awareness is foundational to the way in which we develop leaders, conduct worship, equip the body for evangelism and discipleship, and promote justice and community development. 1 Corinthians 9:19–23; Acts 15:19–21; Acts 17:16–34; Acts 26:28, 29; Romans 15:1–4

A Prayer to Receive and Rest on Jesus Christ for Salvation

“Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. Jesus, I thank you that you lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed by dying on the cross for me. Receive me now. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.”  
If you have made a decision to trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation please let any member, usher or leader know so that we might assist you in your spiritual growth as a new believer.