

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—following worship Join us in the Parlor for cross cultural missions and discipleship with Dr. Hoole from Bach Christian Hospital, Pakistan.

SPRING THING—Saturday, March 23rd at 10am-12:30pm All ages and stages of life are invited to join us for this annual churchwide event! Invite your family, friends and neighbors with the flyers at the Connections Desk. Sign up to help at the Registration across from the Connections Desk.

JOINT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES—Friday, March 29th at 7pm Faith will host area Sister churches for a worship service with a “Dessert Potluck” following the service. There will be nursery ministry for 6mths-3yrs. **Easter Sunday, March 31st**, we will host TWO identical services at **8:30am and 11am**. Ask your family and friends with invites available at the Connections Desk.

SAVE THE DATE SAT. APRIL 20 FOR DEACON/WDT VOLUNTEER DAY—The Fall Volunteer Day was a huge blessing to FCF, so we are doing it again on **April 20, 9am-12pm**. More details to come.

BANNER ASSEMBLY—We are forming a team to create a new set of banners for the sanctuary and we need your help! Are you a visual artist or a graphic designer, someone who loves to sew, or do you have other talents to contribute? We'd love to have you join the team. Contact Laura Baltatzis (laurabaltatzis@gmail.com) or Rosella Rading (mandr.rading@gmail.com) to volunteer.

MOM2MOM CONNECT— Monday, March 18 at 7:30 pm—9:00 pm Moms, please join us as we meet at 5100 Whiteford Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21212. We will enjoy coffee, tea, treats, and time to connect. We especially hope our working moms can attend this event, but ALL moms are welcome. Leave your kiddos at home so you can have a relaxing evening out, but if you need to bring them with you, you can do that as well. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Freeman at 678-516-6907 or hraefreeman@gmail.com.

POTLUCK—Sunday, April 7th immediately following worship Save the date for a churchwide Potluck following worship. More details to follow.



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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Pastor J.B. Watkins —Senior Pastor

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.

Session Email: session@fcfchurch.org; Deacons Email: deacons@fcfchurch.org; *Facebook: Fb.me/fcfchurchbaltimore*

Calendar and materials from Sunday services are available online at www.fcfchurch.org

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Elder Michael Rading

CALL TO WORSHIP—From Select Scriptures

Leader: “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

People: He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

Leader: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

All: Come, let us through Christ continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name!”

SONGS OF PRAISE—How Great Thou Art; Firm Foundation (He Won’t)

CORPORATE PRAYER

SONG OF ADORATION—Great Are You Lord

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 16:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—1 Peter 1:14-21

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to You that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is often full of sin and transgressions; we have not gladly believed Your word nor followed your holy commandments. For Jesus’ sake, be gracious unto us and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.
Moment of Silence for Personal Confessions.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Leader: Church, believe the Good News! Our heavenly Father has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. People: Praise the Lord!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

WOMEN’S RETREAT—Ministry Spotlight

FRIENDS OF JESUS

SERMON—”Jesus Cross, My Cross” Mark 8:31-38 Pastor JB Watkins

CLOSING SONG—Holy Forever

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

SERMON “Jesus Cross, My Cross” Mark 8:31-38 Pastor JB Watkins

31 “And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.’ 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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.