

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 “Welcoming Refugees,” Nancy Lee Paul.

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 services at **8:30am and 11am**. Ask your family and friends with invites available at the Connections Desk.

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.

FCF FAMILY DINNER—Sunday, April 7th immediately following worship All are invited to join us for a churchwide Potluck. Please bring a dish to share with the following guidelines according to your last name: A-I Main dish; J-R: Salad or veggie; S-Z Side or dessert. Food dishes can be given to volunteers in the Fellowship Hall before the service to be stored in the fridge or warmers. If your dish needs to be kept warm, please put it in an oven-safe dish no larger than a 9x13 pan. We look forward to feasting and fellowshiping together as a church family.

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT—ONLY ONE MORE DAY TO REGISTER Sign up TODAY or tomorrow, Monday, March 25! The retreat is May 3–5 at The Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania. Ann Maouyo and Martha MacIver will be speaking on “Transformed into His Likeness,” and Kellie Zephir will be leading worship. Cost is \$170, and we expect to have scholarships available. Register at the Connections Desk or on our website: www.fcfchurch.org.



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](https://www.facebook.com/fcfchurchbaltimore)

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Elder Michael Rading

CALL TO WORSHIP—From Psalm 145

Leader: “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.”

SONGS OF PRAISE—Praise; Hosanna (Will You Rise)

CORPORATE PRAYER—Debbie Dortzbach, Women’s Leadership Team

SONG OF ADORATION—Worthy

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Zechariah 9:9-12

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Matthew 22:41-46

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—God Almighty, please forgive and heal us. We are in need of your healing, most merciful Father. Grant us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, and some we cannot dare to face. Set us free by the power of your Spirit and help us to serve you in true righteousness—for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. *Moment of Silence for Personal Confessions.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, believe and embrace the Good News! In Christ, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Our heavenly Father forgives us all our sins and keeps us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Keep your eyes on Jesus, and live by the grace he provides. **People:** AMEN!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT—Randall Murrain, Hospitality Leader

FRIENDS OF JESUS

SERMON—“Oh What a Week Ahead!” Matthew 21:1-11 Pastor JB Watkins

CLOSING SONG—Hosanna BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

SERMON “Oh What a Week Ahead!” Matthew 21:1-11 Pastor JB Watkins

1 “Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 ‘Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’ 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’ 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, ‘Who is this?’ 11 And the crowds said, ‘This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.’”

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.