**About Christ Fellowship Church**

**Our Mission:** We exist to make disciples of Christ who love God and love their neighbor.

**Our Vision:** To see the gospel spread into every corner of our lives and every corner of the globe.

**As we gather** each Sunday, our desire is to engage with the living God in authentic worship, giving him the praise he deserves, as we read, sing, pray, preach, and sit under the truth of God’s Word and respond in obedience. We look to give ourselves to bold prayer, to spend ourselves and our resources through joyful giving, and to create a culture of gracious hospitality among a diversely unified people.

**As we scatter** each week, we commit to give ourselves to one another in sanctifying community, to the lost through faithful evangelism in our spheres of influence, and to the suffering around us with Christ-like compassion, all in hopes of multiplying the witness of Christ in our city and around the world.

**CFC Kids:** As a congregation, we are deeply committed to next-generation discipleship. This church wants to come alongside parents as they raise their children in the Lord. To help toward that end on Sundays, we offer CFC Kids for children from birth through fifth grade. We offer CFC Kids throughout the entire length of the service for children pre-school and younger. Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade will attend the first part of the worship service and then exit for age-appropriate lessons during the sermon. Of course, you may keep your children with you throughout worship, if you like. If you have any questions about CFC Kids, please email Sarah Beth Shepard at sb@cfcbirmingham.org.

1/26/2025

**Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, February 2 at 5:00pm***

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***Membership Matters Class – Monday, February 3 at 6:00pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Monday, February 3 at 6:00pm. Attending this class is an important part of the process of becoming a member of Christ Fellowship Church. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters, or email Nick Murray at nmurray@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions.

***50+ Fellowship Meal – Saturday, February 15th at 6:00pm***

All adults 50 or older are invited to a 50+ fellowship on Saturday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm at the home of Mac and Jan Morson. Bring a dish and come and gather for dinner, fellowship, and fun! To sign up for a dish or get further information, email Donna Lefebvre at dlefebvre907@gmail.com.

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***2025 Outreach Focus in the Himalayas***

We urge you to pray for existing needs as well as the developing opportunities to spread the gospel and strengthen the presence of the church throughout the Himalayas. Updates regarding specific part-time and full-time service opportunities are still to come throughout the year so we encourage you to pray about your possible role in this area of outreach at CFC. We will host a strategy update and travel interest meeting in March.

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***Women’s Winter Bible Study Options***

Ladies, join us for one of two Bible studies this semester:

1. **Day Time Study: Exodus, Part 2 (Exodus 16-21)**

* Dates: January 15—March 19
* Time: Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am
* Led by Paige Herr
* Meets at the church building; childcare is provided
* There is no need to have completed the Exodus, pt.1 Study to come!

1. **Night Time Study: Trinity Theology Study**

* Dates: January 27—March 19
* Time: Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm
* Led by Brittany Mann; meets in her home
* We’ll study Michael Reeves’ book *Delighting in the Trinity* (purchase your own copy of the book)

Register for either study at cfcbirmingham.org/women or on the Church Center app!

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**Pre-Service Music** (\*please remain seated)

“Agnus Dei” Smith

**Welcome** Billy Shepard

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[7] But the LORD sits enthroned forever;*

*he has established his throne for justice,*

*[8] and he judges the world with righteousness;*

*he judges the peoples with uprightness.*

*[9] The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,*

*a stronghold in times of trouble.*

*[10] And those who know your name put their trust in you,*

*for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

*[11] Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!*

*Tell among the peoples his deeds!*

*[12] For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;*

*he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

*[13] Be gracious to me, O LORD!*

*See my affliction from those who hate me,*

*O you who lift me up from the gates of death,*

*[14] that I may recount all your praises,*

*that in the gates of the daughter of Zion*

*I may rejoice in your salvation.* (Psalm 9:7–14)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[4] What is man that you are mindful of him,*

*and the son of man that you care for him?* (Psalm 8:4)

“Grace Greater Than All Our Sin” Johntson & Towner

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” Stiff

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Luke 12:2-3

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Bart Box

*[1] Have mercy on me, O God,*

*according to your steadfast love;*

*according to your abundant mercy*

*blot out my transgressions.*

*[2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,*

*and cleanse me from my sin!*

*[3] For I know my transgressions,*

*and my sin is ever before me.*

*[4] Against you, you only, have I sinned*

*and done what is evil in your sight,*

*so that you may be justified in your words*

*and blameless in your judgment.* (Psalm 51:1–4)

*[19] Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, [20] by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.* (Hebrews 10:19–22)

**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]

“Before the Throne of God Above” Bancroft & Cook

“There Is a Fountain” Cowper

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Nick Murray

Beginnings: “Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out”

Genesis 42-43

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Man of Sorrows” Mapes & Bliss

**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** Victor Cheng

**The Lord’s Prayer**

***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. Amen.***

**Benediction**

*[24] The LORD bless you and keep you;*

*[25] the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*[26] the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

“Doxology” Bourgeois & Ken

We are pleased that you have joined us for worship this morning.

Visitors and members alike are encouraged to fellowship with one another after the service. If you would like to speak with a pastor about a need in your life or for prayer, one will be available at the front of the room.

**Additional Explanatory Notes of Worship Elements**

***The Lord’s Supper***

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper every Lord’s Day as part of our worship and witness. The Lord’s Supper is an occasion for believers in Christ to be reminded of Jesus’ death in our place, to be strengthened by the promise of His coming, and to be renewed toward God and one another. All who have identified with Christ in baptism and who are in good standing with a local church that preaches the gospel are welcome at the Table.

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church, that we would faithfully do what we promise in our church covenant: that together we would draw near to God weekly in worship, that we would delight in the glory of God, depend on the presence of God, grow in the knowledge of God, and submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church.

***For Our City***

For Shades Mountain Community Church, pastor Rick Goertzen, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For police officers, firefighters, and first responders, that the Lord would help them to look after the good of others as they serve and protect; that they would be consistent in maintaining peace and just order; and that God would protect them as they serve in dangerous situations.

***For Our World***

For the nation of India, for pastors and churches experiencing increased persecution in India's northern region which has a strong presence of Hindu nationalists, for healing for those who have recently experienced physical attacks, for perseverance for churches who have been forced to move, and for the enemies of the churches in these regions to be overwhelmed by the truth of the gospel.

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