**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.

7/14/2024

**Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***2024-2025 CFC Kids Volunteer Sign Ups***

It's time to prepare for a new year in CFC Kids! We are looking for 325 volunteers to serve once a month in one of our classroom groups.This QR code will take you to the form to sign up. **We need all forms to be completed ASAP.**A qr code with black and white squares

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Below are some important notes about serving in CFC Kids:

* You are committing to serve once a month from August 2024-July 2025.
* If you are expecting, or will welcome a baby in that time frame, still do complete the form. We will make adjustments for the time you need to be out!
* Only one form per household is needed, unless couples would like to serve in different places.
* Even if you are a current volunteer, we need a new sign-up form completed!

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***Youth July Tribe Night Tonight***

The last 3 Sunday evenings in July (July 14th, 21st and 28th), the youth will meet from 5:00-6:45pm for dinner, Bible study, and games that we have turned into a competition that we are calling Tribes. We are so excited about how tribes will help bring our new 6th graders into the fold. If your student(s) plans to come to youth in July, it would be a great help to us to let us know! You can register for Tribes on the Church Center app.

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***Mid-East Strategy Update – Sunday, July 21 at 9:00am***

Come hear from CFC Sent Partners who live and serve in the Middle East on July 21st at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. They will share stories about God's work in their place of service, ways we can pray for them, and ways we can strategically connect with the work they are leading. This is one of the key areas of focus for our global strategy at CFC. Breakfast will be provided. Children are welcome, we will have group childcare. If children will eat breakfast, please include them in the registration. Please register using the church center app.

***Brazil Mission Trip – October 9-17***

CFC is planning to send a team back to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from October 9-17. The goal is to connect with and evangelize people in underprivileged communities through short term medical and dental clinics. Medical experience is helpful but not necessary. It is just as crucial to have non-medical Christian brothers and sisters to support the work of the clinic and to spend focused time establishing relationships with locals through evangelism. If interested in going, please contact Jess Mann at [jessehmann@gmail.com](mailto:jessehmann@gmail.com).

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

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

“Revive Us Again” Adler, Husband, MacKay

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*2The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;*

*the LORD is avenging and wrathful;*

*the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries*

*and keeps wrath for his enemies.*

*3The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,*

*and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.*

*His way is in whirlwind and storm,*

*and the clouds are the dust of his feet.*

*4He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;*

*he dries up all the rivers;*

*Bashan and Carmel wither;*

*the bloom of Lebanon withers.*

*5The mountains quake before him;*

*the hills melt;*

*the earth heaves before him,*

*the world and all who dwell in it.*

*6Who can stand before his indignation?*

*Who can endure the heat of his anger?*

*His wrath is poured out like fire,*

*and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.*

*7The LORD is good,*

*a stronghold in the day of trouble;*

*he knows those who take refuge in him.* (Nahum 1:2-7)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*1Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”* (Luke 15:1-2)

“The Solid Rock” Mote

“Not in Me” Schumacher & Ward

**The Apostles’ Creed** Billy Shepard

**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]

**Baptism** Hardie Carlson

*4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.* (Romans 6:4-5)

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Robinson & Wyeth

“Before the Throne of God Above” Bancroft & Cook

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “God Great and Good”

Genesis 18:16-33

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Only a Holy God” Farren, Robinson, Smith, & Thompson

**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** Bart Box

**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**

*24The LORD bless you and keep you;*

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

*26the 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**

***Baptism***

Baptism is a visual of the gospel story and a powerful reminder to the church of their identity with the crucified and risen Christ. The sacrificial death of Jesus and His victorious, bodily resurrection from the dead form the backdrop to baptism as believers are symbolically united to their Redeemer. Baptism in no way saves us, but it does call attention to the One who has saved us. If you know Jesus as Savior but have never been baptized, please speak with an elder after the service. If you are a baptized believer, rejoice today as you are reminded of your salvation in and through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church, that we would rightly situate earthly politics in our hearts and in our speech, that we would always prioritize allegiance to the Kingdom of Christ in our hearts and in our actions over and above any other lesser kingdoms, that we would not set our ultimate hopes on our nation or on any potential leaders of our nation, and that as individuals and as a church as a whole we would portray a spirit of calm confidence that God is the ruler of all regardless of any political developments.

***For Our City***

For Faith Presbyterian Church, pastor Jason Sterling, their elders, staff, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation, in light of yesterday’s assassination attempt on former President Trump, that political violence would have no place in our society, that our nation’s rhetoric regarding politics would become less inflammatory, and that God would mercifully grant increased humility to all citizens and elected officials in our nation so that we would see political opponents not as enemies to be eliminated but fellow image bearers of God who have eternal value, despite deeply held differences of opinion.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Egypt, for an increase in faithful pastors to lead healthy churches so churches may be multiplied, that the gospel may spread throughout this land, and that physical needs can be met through the body of Christ.

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