

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.

NEW SOUL FOOD SERIES—Beginning **Sunday, November 24th** two new Soul Food classes will begin! One class will be a sermon series discussion to dig further into sermon content. The other class will focus on faith foundations to learn more about God, the Holy Spirit, the return of Christ and more. Both offerings are open to men and women. We hope you can make it! **There is NO Soul Food or Sunday School today.**

THANKSGIVING BASKETS—You are invited to join in the joy of giving to our neighbors by providing a Grocery Store gift card, encouragement and an invite to church events. Handouts are available at the Connections Desk. All “Baskets” need to be delivered by **November 26th.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DROP OFF begins TODAY through November 24th— Filled Christmas boxes may now be dropped off at church by placing them at the Operation Christmas Child table located across from the Connections Desk.

EMBRACING BIBLICAL HOPE SEMINAR—**Saturday, November 23rd at 9:30am-11:30am** Please join us for a seminar led by Kim Sütter, to uncover how embracing biblical hope can lead to renewed strength and a deeper relationship with God. You can pick up a flyer at the Connections Desk. Men and women are welcome to attend.

BULLETIN/WORSHIP MATERIALS Deadline is Tues. Nov 26th at 12noon due to the Thanksgiving holiday—all slides, verbal and bulletin announcement requests are due a day early.

FCF CONNECT—We are excited to be rolling out a new church management system, “FCF CONNECT” powered by One Church and replacing MyFCF. The new FCF CONNECT is user friendly, technically current and includes some very helpful features. Ministry leaders were emailed information to begin using FCF CONNECT with their area of ministry and/or Community Group. Our Church family will be emailed soon to begin creating your individual profiles. Join the fun!

ADVENT CONCERT/BAZAAR—**Saturday, December 14th** You are invited to our annual Advent Concert and Bazaar held here at Faith. The Advent Bazaar will begin at 4:30pm with the Concert at 6pm. Your friends and neighbors are welcome to attend this very special annual Faith tradition.

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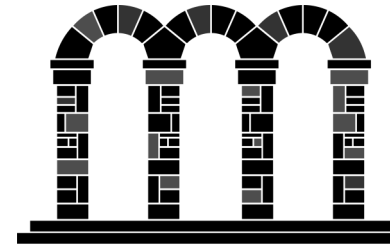
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Celebrating the Reconciliation

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.



Sunday, November 17, 2024

Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Select Psalms

Leader: “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!”

SONGS OF PRAISE—Trading My Sorrows; Open the Eyes of My Heart

CORPORATE PRAYER

SONG OF ADORATION—Before the Throne of God Above

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Isaiah 9:6,7

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Colossians 1:13-20

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Father God, we come to you in our utter desperation and brokenness. We are sinners but you are pure and holy. You alone are our refuge and our strength. We need your heart of compassion. We acknowledge that we often speak ill of others, seeking vengeance on our enemies. Lord, forgive us for our bitterness, resentment, anger and hateful attitudes towards others. Help us to be still and know that You are the Living, Ever-Present God. Fill us with Your love that we might humbly serve You with righteousness, justice, mercy and truth. In Jesus’ name and for his glory we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence for Personal Confessions

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, believe the Good News! It is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Christ died and was raised so that we me live. **People:** AMEN!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

FRIENDS OF JESUS

SERMON “God and Governing Authorities ” Romans 13:1-7 Pastor JB Watkins

CLOSING SONG—A Mighty Fortress

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

SERMON “God and Governing Authorities” Romans 13:1-7 Pastor JB Watkins

“1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed,”

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.