

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 SERIES—We are offering two adult co-ed classes following worship. The Sermon Series discussion to dig further into sermon content will be held in the Sanctuary. The Faith Foundations class, held in the Fellowship Hall, will focus on learning more about God, the Holy Spirit, the return of Christ and more. Please join us.

WOMEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY—**Friday, December 13th at 7:30pm** Women are invited to attend a new study in Ephesians. Meetings are virtual on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month at 7:30pm. Join us to slow down and spend time with other women while we support one another and dive into God's Word at the end of the week. If you are interested, please reach out to either of our co-leaders Sarah Pargan (skpargan@loyola.edu) or Doroli Baugh (dabaugh54@gmail.com).

ADVENT CONCERT/BAZAAR—**Saturday, December 14th** You are invited to our annual Advent Concert and Bazaar held here at Faith. The **Advent Concert will be held at 6pm** with the **Bazaar beginning at 4:30pm and following the Concert**. 100% of the proceeds from the Advent Bazaar go directly to our Deacons' Fund to help those in need. Your friends and neighbors are welcome to attend this very special annual Faith tradition.

MISSIONS POTLUCK—**Sunday, December 15th at 12:15pm** All are invited to join for a potluck meal while we highlight the Christian Community Center, an inner-city ministry to youth. Please bring a dish to share as we meet in the Parlor.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHT SERVICE—**Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm** You are invited to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Together we will celebrate the birth of King Jesus as we share worship songs, personal testimony, scripture reading and more. There will be no child-care due to the family friendly nature of the service. Invites are available at the Connections Desk.

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINATIONS—We are currently seeking nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Nomination forms are available at the Connections Desk along with a list of Elders and Deacons completing their terms. Forms can be submitted at the Connections Desk, given to a current Elder, or emailed to elders@fcfchurch.org **The deadline is Sunday, January 19, 2025.**

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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.



Advent- Christ Our King

**Sunday, December 8, 2024
Order of Service**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Elder Simon Ocailap

CALL TO WORSHIP—from select Psalms

Leader: “All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

People: May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners!

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.”

SONGS OF PRAISE—Awesome; You Are Good

CORPORATE PRAYER—Arlette Lindsay

SONG OF ADORATION—Great Are You Lord

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS—Burt and Ruth Parks

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Ecclesiastes 8:14, 15

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—James 1:1-8

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Father in heaven, you are the All-Mighty, All-Knowing One. We have not given you the glory you are due. We fight, covet, complain and tear down, seeking our own glory. We do not listen to your voice or rest in your promises. Yet we come to you trusting Jesus, your only Son, our only hope and the only hope for a hurting world. We come to you just as we are, dependent upon your mercy and your grace. Cover us in the righteousness of your Son. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Moment of Silence for Personal Confessions

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, hear and believe the Good News! Because of Christ’s work upon the cross for us, God does not remember our sins, but He does remember the promises which have been made to us. God does not shame us but lifts us to new life by the power of His Holy Spirit. **People:** PRAISE THE LORD!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE (JOY)—The Newton Family

FRIENDS OF JESUS

Sermon Notes

SERMON “Gotta Tell Somebody, Everybody” Luke 2:8-21

Rev. Brian Float**

CLOSING SONG—He’s Able

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

***Today we welcome Rev. Brian Float to the pulpit. Brian and his wife Donna are no strangers around Faith as they have been members since 2010. Brian founded Kingdom Rain which seeks to equip leaders to build disciple making movements in the least reached regions of the world. Kingdom Rain works in regions where there is little or no indigenous Christian church. Brian and Donna have six children and four grandchildren who hold cherished places in their hearts.*

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.