

## 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/SUNDAY SCHOOL**—Our Soul Food and Sunday School classes resume today. We offer two adult co-ed classes following worship. The Sermons Series discussion to dig further into sermon content will be held in the Sanctuary. In the Fellowship Hall, we will hold the Faith Foundations class with a focus on learning more about God, the Holy Spirit, the return of Christ and more. Please join us.

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**—**THIS Tuesday, January 7th at 7PM** The Beautification Team is in need of a few people to help us take down and swap out the Christmas decorations. Please contact Lynn Beans at [lmbeans@gmail.com](mailto:lmbeans@gmail.com) or see her 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](mailto:elders@fcfchurch.org). **The deadline is Sunday, January 19, 2025.**

**WEEKLY D-GROUP MENTORS (Volunteers) DESPERATELY NEEDED**—Due to current mentors leaving the state and getting ready to have newborns, we are short for our weekly D-Group mentors. Please pray about joining our team of dedicated youth workers that meet on Sunday or Monday nights for our high school & middle school Discipleship Groups respectively. Please email Julian Hague at [youth@fcfchurch.org](mailto:youth@fcfchurch.org) to inquire.

**PRAYER MEETING FOR TEENS AND ADULT CHILDREN**—**Wednesday, January 8th at 7:30pm**—We will have a time for pray for teens and adult children in the Conference Room of the White House. A Zoom option will be emailed. All are welcome to join. Please contact Cathy Zei if interested in participating or for more details at [fourzei@msn.com](mailto:fourzei@msn.com) or 443.224.8199.

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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.



# Jesus—Our Servant King

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**  
**Order of Service**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Elder Steve Sharkey

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—from Psalm 95

**Leader:** “Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Leader:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**All:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.”

**SONGS OF PRAISE**—Holy, Holy, Holy; Because He Lives

**CORPORATE PRAYER**

**SONG OF ADORATION**—Give Thanks

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**—Isaiah 40:1–5

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**—Luke 3:1-6

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**—Dear Father in heaven, as we gather on this first Sunday of the new year, we come before You in humble confession of our sins. Together, as Your church, we acknowledge our need for Your grace and mercy. We confess the sins known and unknown, remembered and forgotten. We lay them at Your feet, trusting in Your unfailing love. Merciful God, cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Renew our hearts and minds, that we may walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Grant us the strength and courage to follow You more faithfully in this new year. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. *Moment of silence for confession*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**—**Leader:** Church, let us remember the promise given to us through Jesus Christ, that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

**People:** THANKS BE TO GOD!

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**FRIENDS OF JESUS**

**Sermon Notes**

**SERMON** “Good News From the Wilderness ”      Mark 1:1-8      Pastor JB Watkins

**COMMUNION**

**CLOSING SONG**—Doxology

**BENEDICTION**—Pastor JB Watkins

**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.**