

## 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 meet you.

**SOUL FOOD**—Today we begin two new adult Soul Food classes! One class will be a discussion series to dig further into the sermon topics, meeting in the sanctuary. The other class will be held in the fellowship hall, a focus on "God's Big Picture," following the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We hope you can make it!

**SPRING THING**—**Saturday, April 12th, 10am–12:30pm.** Spring Thing is this Saturday!!! We truly need your help as there are many opportunities still available. Please stop by the table across from the Connections Desk or contact Cindy Newton ([children@fcfchurch.org](mailto:children@fcfchurch.org)). Most importantly, please pray for the children and families that are coming! There is something for everyone!!

**POTLUCK**—There will be NO potluck lunch today, but we will resume on Sunday, May 4th.

**PLAN (Pen Lucy Action Network)**—The Learning Center for PLAN is receiving snacks for their Wednesday and Thursday night meetings. Snacks may be dropped off in the bin located near the Connections Desk. Financial offerings may be given by writing a check to PLAN or indicating PLAN on an FCF donation envelope. If you have any questions, please contact James Allen ([james@planbaltimore.org](mailto:james@planbaltimore.org)).

**FCF CHOIR**—**Easter Sunday is April 20th.** Our FCF Choir is looking for volunteers to join. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please send an email or text to Christopher Denny ([music@fcfchurch.org](mailto:music@fcfchurch.org) or 803-807-7251). He will be happy to send any practice tracks so that you can join in raising your voice.

**GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY**—Our sister church, Abbott Memorial, will hold a joint worship service on Good Friday, April 18th at 7pm (3426 Bank Street, Baltimore, 21224). All are invited. Please worship with us Easter Sunday, April 20th, as we hold services at 8:30am and 11am. There will be children's ministry for both services, but no Soul Food following worship. Printed invitations are available at the Connections Desk to encourage family and friends to join us.

### FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

*Celebrating the reconciling work of Jesus Christ, **Building** grace-filled disciples,  
**Serving** Pen Lucy, Baltimore and the world.*

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America  
505 E. 42nd Street, Baltimore, MD 21218 Phone: 410.323.0202 Email: [fcfoffice@fcfchurch.org](mailto:fcfoffice@fcfchurch.org)

Pastor J.B. Watkins—Senior Pastor

LARGE print and braille Bibles are available from the ushers.

Session email: [elders@fcfchurch.org](mailto:elders@fcfchurch.org); Deacons email: [deacons@fcfchurch.org](mailto:deacons@fcfchurch.org); Facebook: [Fb.me/fcfchurchbaltimore](https://www.facebook.com/fcfchurchbaltimore)  
Calendar and materials for Sunday services are available online at [www.fcfchurch.org](http://www.fcfchurch.org).



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



## The Gospel of Mark

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Order of Service**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—From select portions of the Psalms

**Leader:** “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

**People:** My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

**Leader:** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

**All:** Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.”

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

**CORPORATE PRAYER**

**SONG OF ADORATION**—I Surrender All

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**—Genesis 1:9–13

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**—Matthew 5:14–16

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**—Heavenly Father, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions while imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, words, and the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in the newness of life. We ask this through the work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Moment of silence for confession*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**—**Leader:** Church, believe the Good News! Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. **People:** AMEN!

**TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**FRIENDS OF JESUS**

**SERMON** “Lamps and Seeds”

Mark 4:21–34

Pastor JB Watkins

**COMMUNION**

**CLOSING SONG**—Doxology

**BENEDICTION**—Pastor JB Watkins

**Sermon Notes**

**SERMON** “Lamps and Seeds”

Mark 4:21–34

Pastor JB Watkins

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	Income (% of budget)	Expenses (% of budget)
February	61.8K (94%)	85.7K (88%)
Fiscal YTD	631.7K (99%)	642.9K (96%)

**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 we may assist you in your spiritual growth as a new believer.