

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONNECTIONS**—We welcome all who attend as our honored guests. If you are new, please complete the Connections Card in the pew. 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**—We have two new adult Soul Food classes. One class is a discussion series to dig further into the sermon topics, meeting in the sanctuary. The other class, meeting in the fellowship hall, is a focus on "God's Big Picture," following the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

**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.

**DR. CARL ELLIS SEMINAR "Biblical Wisdom in an Age of Cultural Confusion"—Saturday, April 26th, 9:30am–2:30pm.** Faith will host a seminar addressing diversity in the era of religious, cultural, and political confusion. How does the Bible talk about diversity, equality, and inclusion? Teaching Elder Dr. Carl Ellis will lead a series of messages on the subject, providing a biblical framework. Childcare will be provided for children 6 months to 7 years old during the sessions. Please register at <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/fcfconnect/events/981>.

**YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP YARDWORK FUNDRAISER—April 19th** at 10am. Donation-based. To sign up for yardwork please email Julian Hague ([youth@fcfchurch.org](mailto:youth@fcfchurch.org)) by this Thursday and include: 1) Scope of work. 2) How many people needed. 3) Any tools needed for the job.

**YOUTH RETREAT SCHOLARSHIPS**—We are in significant need of scholarships for our youth retreat May 2-4. The cost is \$165 per student to attend. This year's theme will be "Rooted in Christ" as we discuss what it looks like to follow Jesus practically in many areas of our lives. Please consider donating by selecting Youth Ministry from the FCF Connect giving page or writing "Youth Ministry" in the memo of your check/offering. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**SALAAM CENTER DONATIONS**—Please help us assist immigrant families here in Baltimore through the Salaam Center. We encourage you to donate any of the suggested items listed on the Salaam Center website. There are baskets in the lobby for donations. The Salaam Center also seeks volunteers to help families navigate paperwork and registration-related tasks. Please contact Wendy Pitts for more information ([wendy@daveandwendy.com](mailto:wendy@daveandwendy.com)).

### FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

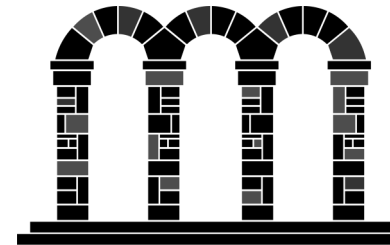
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Calendar and materials for Sunday services are available online at [www.fcfchurch.org](http://www.fcfchurch.org).



**FAITH**  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
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.



**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**Order of Service**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**—From select portions of Scripture

**Leader:** “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** Save us, we pray, O LORD! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Leader:** The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**All:** This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

**SONGS OF PRAISE**—Days of Elijah, King of Kings

**CORPORATE PRAYER**—Ann Maouyo

**SONG OF ADORATION**—Turn Your Eyes

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**—Zechariah 9:9–12

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**—John 12:12–19

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**—Almighty God, we know that in Your holy presence, all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you nothing is hidden. So today, we acknowledge our sin to You. We have actively rebelled against Your will for us. We have passively rejected Your desire for us. We are more concerned with the viewpoints of others than with worshiping, serving, and obeying You. Forgive us and renew our hearts. Cleanse our thoughts, words, and actions, that we may devoutly love You and worthily magnify Your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Moment of silence for confession*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**—**Leader:** Church, believe the Good News! Jesus was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities. He alone is your living hope. Having confessed your sins, embrace God’s grace and mercy that comes through Christ alone.

**People:** AMEN!

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT**—Diaconal Team

**TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**FRIENDS OF JESUS**

**SERMON** “Responding to the King’s Arrival”      Mark 11:1–11      Pastor JB Watkins

**CLOSING SONG**—Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

**BENEDICTION**—Pastor JB Watkins

**Sermon Notes**

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

|                        | Income (% of budget) | Expenses (% of budget) |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| February               | 61.8K (94%)          | 85.7K (88%)            |
| Fiscal YR through Feb. | 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 my 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.