

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—We have two adult Soul Food classes. In the sanctuary, there will be a discussion series to dig further into sermon topics. The second class, meeting in the Fellowship Hall, will focus on “God’s Big Picture,” following the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

MOM2MOM NIGHT OUT AT R. HOUSE! Join us for a time of fellowship on **May 2nd, 7:30–9:30pm** at R. House (food court at 301 W 29th Street). Stop by for any or all of the time together. For carpool options, please contact Hannah Ocaïlap (hannahrstevens92@gmail.com).

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 is "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.

VOLUNTEER WORK DAY—**Saturday, May 3rd at 9am-12noon.** Please join us for a church work day with projects including painting, weeding, clean-up, and various other efforts to beautify our building and grounds. There will be a pizza lunch after all the hard work.

POTLUCK—**Sunday, May 4th following worship.** We welcome everyone for a time of fellowship and food. Please bring a dish to share according to your last name: A–L main dish; M–R salad or veggie; S–Z side or dessert. Please bring a utensil with your name on it for serving your dish. Volunteers will be available before the service to take your dish to be warmed or refrigerated.

MICAH FORUM—**Saturday, May 10 at 10 am.** Dr. Jonathan Barlow will present a workshop titled “Artificial Intelligence (AI): Toward a Christian Perspective” at St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore. Learn more and register at micahforumbaltimore.org.

DISCOVER FAITH—**Sundays, May 11, 18, and June 1, following worship.** Are you interested in learning about membership here at Faith? Do you want to know who we are, what we do, and why? Please join us for our three-week *Discover Faith* series held in the White House conference room. We invite you to sign-up at the Connections Desk.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Income (% of budget)	Expenses (% of budget)
March	67.0K (83%)	71.0K (86%)
Fiscal YR through March	698.7K (98%)	713.9K (95%)

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Calendar and materials for Sunday services are available online at www.fcchurch.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.



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Pastor JB Watkins

CALL TO WORSHIP—From select Psalms

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

People: For the Lord is the great God. The great King above all gods.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

All: Rejoice, for the Lord is good; His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations.

SONGS OF PRAISE—The Word Made Flesh; A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CORPORATE PRAYER—Jocelyn Murrain

SONG OF ADORATION—In Christ Alone

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Isaiah 26:17–21

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Luke 24:36–44

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Merciful Father, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our sins and transgressions. Though we have celebrated the joy of Christ's resurrection, we confess that we have not always lived as Easter people. We have harbored doubts, clung to fear, and failed to reflect the love and hope of the risen Savior in our words and actions. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have turned away from Your grace and neglected the needs of others. Renew within us the joy of salvation and strengthen our faith, that we may walk in the light of Christ every day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. *Moment of silence for confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, though we have sinned, God's mercy is steadfast, and His love never fails. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to live as His beloved children. **People:** AMEN!

TITHES and OFFERINGS

FRIENDS OF JESUS

SERMON—Dr. Carl Ellis Jr.*

CLOSING SONG—Mighty to Save

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

SERMON—Dr. Carl Ellis Jr.

**Today we welcome Dr. Carl Ellis Jr. to the pulpit. Dr. Ellis began his ministry serving as Assistant Pastor at Forest Park Community Church in Baltimore. He has gone on to serve in various ministries, including collaboration with academic presidents, deans, and faculty, as well as mentoring students who aspire to serve in predominately Black and multi-ethnic contexts. His work seeks to apply biblical theology to the concerns of different cultures, particularly minority groups. Dr. Ellis has authored several books and is married to his lovely wife, Karen.*

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.