

Announcements

CONNECTIONS—We welcome all who attend as our honored guests. If you are new to Faith Christian Fellowship, 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 adult Soul Food classes. In the sanctuary, there is a discussion series to dig further into sermon topics. The second class meets in the fellowship hall and covers “God’s Big Picture,” following the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

DISCOVER FAITH—Beginning TODAY and continuing May 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!

FCF MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING—FCF is beginning a new weekly prayer initiative for revival, renewal, and healing in our church body, our neighborhoods, nation, and world. Do you feel that we need to seek God’s face as never before? Please join in prayer Wednesdays at noon via Zoom for a half hour of prayer (as you are available). If you would like to participate but Wednesday at 12pm is not a good time, please rally one or two others and create your own time to pray! The Zoom link for the Wednesday gatherings will be sent via churchwide email. For further info, please contact Ann Maouyo (amaouyo@jhu.edu) or anyone from the Session (elders@fcfchurch.org).

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT—Our Youth Ministry has a deficit of \$5,797.67 from their retreat last weekend. If you would like to give, please do so by selecting “Youth” on the “Give” tab in FCF Connect, or write “Youth” on the memo tab of your check or offering envelope.

UPDATED PARLOR—Please check out the new and improved church Parlor! A big THANK YOU to those who purchased the materials, prepared and painted the room, and cleaned up. It looks very nice!

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%)

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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Pastor J.B. Watkins—Senior Pastor

LARGE print and braille Bibles are available from the ushers.

Session email: elders@fcfchurch.org; Deacons email: deacons@fcfchurch.org; Facebook: *Fb.me/fcfchurchbaltimore*
Calendar and materials for Sunday services are available online at 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, May 11, 2025
Order of Service

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP—From Psalm 96

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

SONGS OF PRAISE—Praise; You Are Good

CORPORATE PRAYER—Courtney Heavner, Women’s Diaconal Team

SONG OF ADORATION—Great Are You Lord

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Zechariah 3:1–10

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING—Revelation 12:7–12

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN—Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Moment of silence for confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—**Leader:** Church, believe the Good News! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
People: AMEN!

TITHES and OFFERINGS

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT—PLAN (Pen Lucy Action Network), James Allen

FRIENDS OF JESUS

Sermon Notes

SERMON “From the Chains of Darkness to the Freedom of Deliverance”
Mark 5:1–20; Pastor JB Watkins

CLOSING SONG—Ancient of Days

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 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.