



A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Sunday Worship

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

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WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor JB Watkins/Deacon Scotty Hoelsema

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. *-From Select Psalms*



SONGS OF PRAISE

My Hope Is Built; Every Praise



CORPORATE PRAYER

Martha MacIver



SONG OF ADORATION

I Give Myself Away



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 12:14-21



CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Merciful Father, You command us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors. Yet we confess our selective love, limited compassion, and resentment toward those who oppose or offend us. We show kindness to those who love us but withhold it from others. Forgive us for failing to reflect Your perfect love. By Your Spirit, transform our hearts to love as You have loved us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Church, hear the Good News: While we were God's enemies, Christ died to reconcile us to Himself. In Jesus Christ, all who repent and believe are forgiven, reconciled, and received as beloved children of our heavenly Father. **People:** AMEN!



TITHES AND OFFERINGS/FRIENDS OF JESUS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



SERMON

Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus' Words on Loving Our Enemies

Pastor JB Watkins



CLOSING SONG

Jesus at the Center



BENEDICTION

Pastor JB Watkins

NOTES

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 in your spiritual growth as a new believer.

Announcements

SOUL FOOD/SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS WEEKLY at 9 a.m. We have classes for all ages. Ladies, come explore your spiritual gifts and learn how to use them as God builds us as a body of believers together. Men are studying the life of David using *Building of Foundations* from the 2026 Men's Retreat.

YOUTH LEADER TRAINING—TODAY at 2:30 p.m. D-Group Mentor, 1-on-1 Mentor, and Chaperone Training in the Youth Room. Dinner is included.

BEACHMONT CORN MAZE—Friday, October 30. Meet in the parking lot at 4 p.m. \$20 per person to be paid upon arrival at Beachmont.

COMMUNION—Sunday, November 1. We will celebrate communion together. Please prepare your heart accordingly.

POTLUCK—Sunday, November 1 following worship. Everyone is invited to join our potluck meal! Please plan to bring a dish to share according to your last name: A-K: main; L-Q: veggies/salad; R-V: sides; W-Z: desserts. Labeled utensils will help us return your belongings to you.

SALAAM CENTER FOOD DRIVE—Deadline is Sunday, November 1. Thank you FCF for your overwhelming response to the food drive. The Salaam Center is still in need of dry goods such as rice, beans, and macaroni. Please place donations in the baskets in the hallway.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SITE—FCF's website has been revamped with a fresh look and updated information. New features include a church calendar integrated with FCF Connect and an Upcoming Events page. Visit fcfchurch.org. Please note: FCF Connect will still be the primary means of distributing information to our members and regular attenders.

SERVING AT FCF—As we've entered a new "ministry year," we've gathered volunteer needs among FCF ministries and teams. There is a display in the main church hallway that lists the opportunities and has places to sign up. Please stop by there or the Connections Desk, check out the needs, and consider a way that you can serve FCF!

FINANCIAL Update	Income	Expenses	Income <i>Minus</i> Expenses
September	\$62K	\$77K	-\$15K
Fiscal YTD (27)	\$213K	\$234K	-\$21K

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Pastor JB Watkins—Senior Pastor

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