



**THE LORD'S DAY**  
*January 1, 2023*  
**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**  
*10:00 a.m.*

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP & STRIKING THE HOUR *"Amazing Grace" The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT *"Every Day With Jesus" (Verse 1)*  
 † *Please stand as you are able.*

† HYMN *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (All Verses)* Page 225

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

† HYMN *"We Three Kings" (Verses 1,2,5)* Page 288

**WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES**

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 96" Psalter 96<sup>A</sup>*  
*Sung to the tune of: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*  
 (Verses 1,3)

RESPONSIVE READING: *The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 16*

**WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD**

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



**WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE**  
 SPECIAL MUSIC

**CONFESSION OF FAITH AND EXPOSITION OF THE WORD**

† THE NICENE CREED

THE SERMON: *"King Herod and the Christmas Dragon"*  
 Matthew 2:7-18 • Revelation 12:1-17

† HYMN *"Come to the Table" (Verse 1)* Page 464

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*(Please hold the Elements until all are served.)*

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† CLOSING HYMN *"There's Something About That Name" (Verse 1)* Page 83

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

**DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

*If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.  
 We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey,  
 learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!*



In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith

**OUR MISSION**  
 TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,  
 EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY WEEK  
 Isaiah 7:14 • Revelation 12:1-17  
 Matthew 2:7-18 • Psalm 8

WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical guidelines for unalterable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

ATTENDANCE  
 CHRISTMAS EVE: 148  
 LAST SUNDAY: 101

Are you interested in Church Membership?

We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see Pastor Kler today.



**GIVING REPORT**  
 Week Ending December 25, 2022  
**\$5,474**

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday General Giving          | 4,019          |
| Online General Giving          | 300            |
| Interest Income: December      | 345            |
| <b>Total General Gifts</b>     | <b>4,664</b>   |
| Less 3% to Building            | -140           |
| Less 10% to Missions           | -467           |
| <b>Net General</b>             | <b>4,057</b>   |
| Designated Giving              |                |
| Building Maintenance           | 370            |
| Gals                           | 20             |
| Missions                       | 1,027          |
| <b>Total Designated Giving</b> | <b>1,417</b>   |
| Net General                    | 4,057          |
| Designated Giving              | 1,417          |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>          | <b>\$5,474</b> |



December 2022

Dear Family,

As I look back on the last twelve months, I am struck by how much God has blessed us and how much He has allowed us to accomplish.

I am also grateful for the leadership of the Church Board and the hard work of individual congregation members that brought it all together. When churches and denominations of all kinds are in decline, FCC is a vibrant congregation filled with the Fruits of the Spirit and a caring family atmosphere. Because of so many faithful individuals who serve and give wholeheartedly, I am also happy to report that we are 77% pledged towards our 2023 fiscal year, even as new commitments continue to arrive.

So today, I am simply writing to say thank you and tell you that it is a blessing to be your pastor. I am continually blown away by your compassion, generosity, and willingness to advance the work of the Kingdom. Thank you so much for all that you do.

Now let's get started on another year together and see what God has in store for 2023 as we... "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen" ~ 2 Peter 3:18

*Sola Gratia, Joe*



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

William & Lucille Hyland

In loving memory of our Parents, of our Granddaughter Rachel, and our Brother-in-law Frank.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 2023

- GAL's Meeting..... Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30
- Board Meeting..... Tuesday, January, 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Bible Study Resumes..... Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- Congregational Care Team..... Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.
- Guy's Lunch..... Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

- Wednesday Bible Study..... Weekly at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday School..... Weekly at 9:00 a.m.
- Lord's Day Worship..... Weekly at 10:00 a.m.



#### THE ELDER'S

TEACHING / WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler  
Senior Pastor / I.F.O.C. Chaplain

Rev. John O. Strauss  
Minister of Music / Choir Director

#### OUR MUSICIANS

Pianists: Dee Schultz, Ann Dantuma,  
Flutist: Donna Zenisek-Huber

#### SOUND BOOTH TECHNICIANS

Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

#### THE BOARD

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

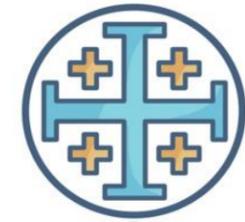
- Board President: John Vosteen
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OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED  
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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# FAIRVIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS

...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



### NICENE CREED: WHAT IT DID AND WHY IT MATTERS.

318 TRADITIONALLY THOUGHT TO BE IN ATTENDANCE

FORMED THE ORIGINAL NICENE CREED, 20 CANONS, AND A SYNODAL EPISTLE

ARIUS  
Presbyter in Alexandria (256-336 AD)

"The Son, being begotten apart from time by the Father, and being created and founded before ages, did not exist before his generation... the Son is not eternal or co-equal or co-unoriginate with the Father."

Letter to Alexandria 4.458

1 FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

CONVENED BY CONSTANTINE THE GREAT

325 AD

MAY AUGUST

HOSIUS OF CORDUBA (MOST LIKELY PRESIDED OVER THE COUNCIL)

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID NOT ADDRESS

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

INVENTING THE DEITY OF CHRIST

CREATION OF THE TRINITY

SUPPRESSION OF WOMEN

REINCARNATION

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID ADDRESS

ARIANISM

DATE OF EASTER

Nicaea's main purpose was to sort out the Arian Controversy, a Trinitarian view teaching not only that the Son of God was eternally subordinate to the Father, but that the Son was not everlasting but was created by the Father at a specific point in time.

A secondary issue of the council concerned a definitive date on the celebration of Easter.

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