

#### THE LORD'S DAY

February 25, 2024
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 "Come Thou Almighty King" Page 8

† Please stand as you are able. (Verse 1,4)

† HYMN "Hill Called Mount Calvary" Page 318

(All Verses)

† Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer

† ANTHEM "Gloria Patri" Page 813

HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Page 575

(All Verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL "Psalm 30" Psalter 30<sup>A</sup>

Sung To The Tune of: "O Jesus I Have Promised"

( Verses 1,2 )

RESPONSIVE READING: "The Westminster Catechism"

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

Hymn

"Old Rugged Cross" (Verses 1,2,4)

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SPECIAL MUSIC

# EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON

"Genetic Modification:

Iffy for Plants, Essential for People.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN "What a Day That Will Be" Page 762 (All Verses)

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM "The Family of God"

# 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.



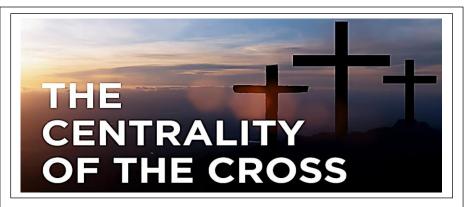
# THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT ~ YEAR B Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 • Psalm 22:22-30 Current Series: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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 principles of immutable 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 LAST SUNDAY: 128 Are you interested in Church Membership? We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. Please see Pastor Kler today. Our Church believes in financial transparency and so our Quarterly Reports are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

	GIVING REPORT		
	Week Ending February 18,	2024	
	\$2,679		
	Sunday General Giving	1,598	
	Online General Giving	541	
	Total General	2,139	
	Less 3% to Building	-64	
	Less 10% to Missions	-214	
	Net Revenue	1,861	
	Designated Giving		
Ī	Building Maintenance	64	
I	Flowers	50	
	Strawberry Event	405	
I	Hospitality	60	
	Missions	239	
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THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST is central to the Christian faith. The cross reveals to us the character of God: His love for lost sinners and His perfect justice meet at the cross. If we want to grow in our love for God, which is the first and greatest commandment, then we must grow to understand and appreciate the cross, which shows us His great love. If we want to grow in godliness, we must understand the significance of the cross, which confronts the most prevalent and insidious of all sins, namely, pride.

The cross is also the place where all the wounds of sin are healed. If you suffer from emotional problems--guilt, anxiety, depression, anger, or whatever--there is healing in the cross of Christ. If you are going through tragedy or suffering, there is comfort in abundance as you contemplate the sufferings of the spotless Savior on your behalf. After all, the Bible says these very words to those who were suffering, reminding us that "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." Meditating on the cross produces a heart of overflowing gratitude to the One who bore so much on their behalf.

Keeping the cross of Christ central will also protect you from the many winds of false doctrine blowing in our day. Satan hates the cross because it sealed his doom, and he is relentless in his attacks to undermine and thwart the cross. Every cult or false teaching in some way diminishes the work of Christ on the cross and magnifies human ability. I believe that the doctrine which Satan is currently working to erode in American Christianity is the doctrine of sin. If he can convince people that they are not sinners who deserve God's wrath, then they don't need a crucified Savior. If he can convince Christians that they are not ongoing sinners in daily need of repentance and the cleansing blood of Jesus, then they don't need to go deeper in appropriating the message of the cross. Thus, the centrality of the cross is crucial to all sound doctrine.

Through Christ's death on the cross, those who turn to Him are delivered from both the penalty and the power of sin. All of our problems stem from sin--from our own sin, the sin of others against us (and our sinful reaction to it), or the fallen world in which we live. Thus, the solutions to our problems center on the cross of Christ.

> ~STEVEN J. COLE, TH.M., DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



#### The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Don and Ginny Jennings in loving memory of their parents.

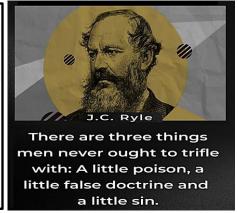


Edward Smith in loving memory of his wife Edna.

# MARK YOUR **Y** CALENDAR

-----MARCH 2024-----GAL's Meeting......Monday, March 4th at 12:30 Guy's Lunch.....Thursday, March 7th at 11:00 a.m. ~~~ Guy's Prayer Group......Thursday, March 7th at 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting.....Tuesday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship Dinner......Wednesday, March 13th at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study...... Weekly at 4:00 p.m. Lord's Day Worship......Weekly at 10:00 a.m.





## THE ELDERS

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

Rev. John O. Strauss Worship Leader / Minister of Music

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#### ~2023 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS~

If you would like a statement of your 2023 contributions to FCCZ, please make your request by ONE of the following methods: (1) email to fcczh@aol.com; or (2) complete a 2023 GIVING STATEMENT REQUEST FORM located in the narthex and drop it in the offering plate. Your Annual Giving Statement will be sent to you via email unless requested otherwise. ~ Thank You.

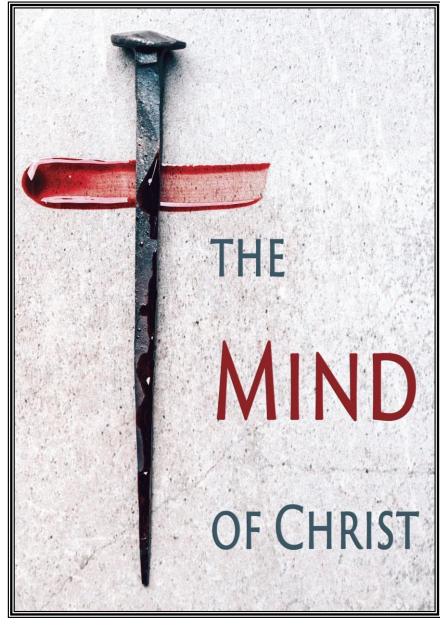
CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

www.fcczhills.org Email: fcczh@aol.com Or Phone: 813-780-6027

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Encourage one another as the Day of the Gord, draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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