



THE LORD'S DAY
February 4, 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 *"Victory in Jesus"* Page 353
 (Verses 1,3,4)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 † ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"More About Jesus"* Page 560
 (Verses 1,3,4)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 30"* *Psalter 30^A*
 Sung To The Tune of: *"O Jesus I Have Promised"*
 (Verses 1,3)

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**

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

† THE NICENE CREED

THE SERMON:
"Of Final Things, Or Occupy Until I Come."
 2 Thessalonians 3:13-17

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

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

RESPONSORIAL *"Now Dismiss Thy Servant"*
 Based upon: *"Simeon's Song of Thanks"* from Luke 2:29-32
 (All Verses)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† CLOSING HYMN *"Glory to His Name"* Page 493
 (Verses 1,4)

† BENEDICTION

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

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



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
 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY ~ YEAR B
 Isaiah 40:21-31 • Psalm 147:1-12
 Current series: 2 Thessalonians 3:13-17

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 January 28, 2024	
	\$3,669
Sunday General Giving	2,249
Online General Giving	871
Interest Income	409
Total General	3,529
Less 3% to Building	-106
Less 10% to Missions	-353
Net Revenue	3,070
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	106
Flowers	65
Hospitality	50
Missions	378
Total Designated Giving	599
Net Revenue	3,070
Designated Giving	599
Total Receipts	\$3,669

Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

WHY DOES THE PASTOR WEAR A ROBE?

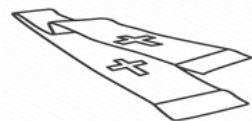
WHY DO WE DO THAT?

FIRST AND FOREMOST, the wearing of clerical robes is scriptural. The practice derives from the Old Testament, where the ministerial office was set apart with a robe. In fact, an entire chapter of Scripture, Exodus 28, is devoted to clerical garments. At the very least, we can extrapolate from all these passages that it is very appropriate for those leading God's people in worship to be set apart with a robe. Moving into the New Covenant era, Christian ministers adopted the practice of wearing specific vestments while leading worship as early as the second century AD. They adopted this biblical practice because, among other things, wearing clerical garments helps emphasize the pastor's office and de-emphasize the man in the pulpit. That idea is still applicable today. Just as policemen, doctors, auto mechanics, and military service members wear unique clothing that applies to their calling, so should the pastor, especially when performing the specific duties of his office during the Lord's Day worship service. And this includes donning more than just a suit and tie because the pastor is not a businessman. He is not the CEO of the ecclesiastical corporation. When the minister of Word and Sacrament wears a robe, it helps to focus the congregation on the work of Christ and the building of His Kingdom because that is the field that ministers operate within. The reformed theologian Richard Paquier wrote of this idea: *"It is natural that the man who officiates in the worship of the Church be clothed in a manner corresponding to the task assigned to him. Moreover, whoever leads in the act of worship does not perform as a private party but as a minister of the Church; he is the representative of the community - hence, an especially prescribed robe, a sort of ecclesiastical 'uniform,' is useful for reminding both the people and the pastor himself that, in the act of leading worship, he is not Mr. So-and-so, but a minister of the Church amid a multitude of others whom he is to serve."*

From the time of the Reformation, Protestant pastors continued the practice of pastoral robes but intentionally differentiated them from those of Roman Catholic priests. By the Middle Ages, Roman Catholic priests had begun wearing very elaborate and overly ornate robes. This promoted the notion of the priest being above the congregation rather than merely set apart as an officer of Word and Sacrament. Because of this, the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century sought to correct this unbiblical view of the priesthood. They argued from Scripture in their preaching, teaching, and writing that the pastor is a divinely appointed servant of the Church, not an exalted individual with a greater spiritual status than the people. But the Protestant Reformers did not throw the baby out with the bathwater either. They would never have considered it acceptable for a minister to wear street clothes or business attire while conducting the worship service. To that end, the Reformers sought to do away with excessively lavish vestments and simply wore plain preaching robes, later known as 'Geneva gowns' (named after the Swiss city of Geneva, where John Calvin served as one of the pioneering leaders of the Reformation.) This idea also included the continued use of the Pastoral Stole that ministers wear over their robes. The stole was originally the work-cloth slaves wore around their necks and used to wash and dry their master's feet. It is also symbolic of the yoke of Christ that pastors take on at their ordination, thus marking pastors as slaves of Christ and servants to their congregation.

Additionally, the robe adds dignity and reverence to our services. Many modern people mistakenly think avoiding all formality and ceremony is evidence of a simple faith and humility. By contrast, C. S. Lewis said, *"The modern habit of doing ceremonial things unceremoniously is no proof of humility; rather, it proves the worshiper's inability to forget himself in the service, and his readiness to ruin the proper place of ritual."* Wearing a pulpit robe compliments a reverent atmosphere and helps set the tone of the service. I intentionally and purposefully wear a robe for worship to communicate to the congregation - and to remind myself - that when I bring the Word or preside at the Lord's Table, I am fulfilling a sacred office, one that calls all of us away from the mundane things of this world and into the Holy Spirit inspired worship of the Almighty.

Sola Gratia, Joe



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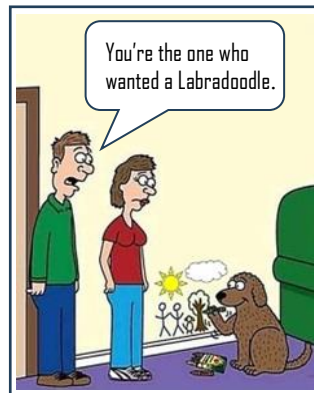
Bill and Lucille Hyland,
in memory of their
Son-in-Law and Granddaughter



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----FEBRUARY 2024-----
 GAL's Meeting.....Monday, February 4th at 12:30.
 Guy's Lunch.....Thursday, February 8th at 11:00 a.m.
 ~~~ Guy's Prayer Group.....Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
 Board Meeting.....Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
 Strawberry Jam..... Saturday, February, 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.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.



**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE**  
**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm**  
 Strawberry Shortcake & Toppings and a Drink  
 Tickets \$5.00 Each.

**THE ELDERS**  
 TEACHING & WORSHIP  
 Rev. H. Joseph Kler  
 Senior Pastor / L.F.O.C. Chaplain  
 Rev. John O. Strauss  
 Worship Leader / Minister of Music

**THE DIACONATE**  
 Jim Leitzke, Marshall Whitcomb

**OUR MUSICIANS**  
 Ann Dantuma  
 Pianist/Organist  
 Donna Zenisek-Huber  
 Flutist

**SOUND BOOTH**  
 Ric Romyn, Joe Negron,  
 Jonathan Kler

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 the Pastor, please call:  
 813-323-0802

## End of Year GIVING Statements

~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](mailto: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

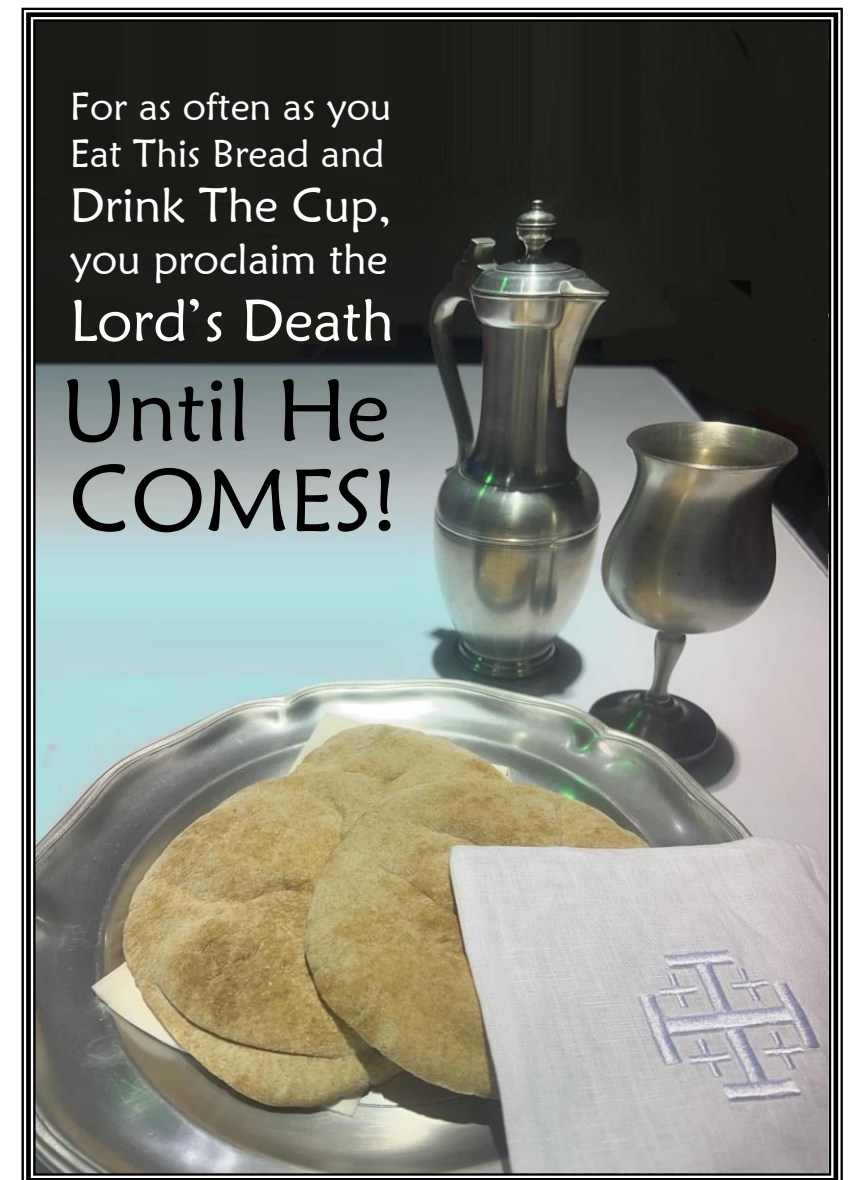
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 Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



# 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



For as often as you Eat This Bread and Drink The Cup, you proclaim the Lord's Death Until He COMES!

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