



**THE LORD'S DAY**  
*January 21, 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 *"Every Day With Jesus"*  
 † *Please stand as you are able.* (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"* Page 12  
 (All Verses)

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

HYMN *"No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"* Page 496  
 (All Verses)

**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 7,10)

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 *"Tell Me The Story of Jesus"* Page 295  
 (All Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

THE SERMON  
*"The Promised  
 Perseverance of the Saints."*  
 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"* Page 499  
 (Verses 1,2)

† 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  
 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY ~ YEAR B  
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • Psalm 62:6-14  
 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

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		<b>GIVING REPORT</b>	
		<i>Week Ending January 14, 2024</i>	
Are you interested in Church Membership? We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. Please see Pastor Kler today.		<b>\$3,244</b>	
		Sunday General Giving	2,358
		Online General Giving	279
		<b>Total General</b>	<b>2,637</b>
		Less 3% to Building	-79
		Less 10% to Missions	-264
		<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>2,294</b>
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	179
		Education	287
Flowers	25		
Gals	45		
Hospitality	50		
Missions	364		
<b>Total Designated Giving</b>	<b>950</b>		
Net Revenue	2,294		
Designated Giving	950		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$3,244</b>		
Our Church believes in financial transparency and so our Quarterly Reports are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.		<small>Monthly Reports are posted in the Fellowship Hall.</small>	



WHAT IS THE  
"PERSEVERANCE  
OF THE SAINTS?"

WHEN YOU HEAR the phrase "Perseverance of the Saints," does it seem to imply a lifetime of hard work? As if the term were a sort of Winston Churchill battle cry for Christians— "Never surrender, never give up!" For this reason, some prefer to call this doctrine the "Preservation of the saints." Regardless of what you call it, this all-important doctrine answers the question, "Can believers have an assurance of their salvation?" and ultimately then know what the Bible teaches about the eternal security of the Christian.

The simplest explanation of this doctrine is the saying: "Once saved, always saved." The Bible teaches that those who are born again will continue trusting in Christ forever. God, by His own power through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, keeps or preserves the believer forever. This wonderful truth is seen in Ephesians 1:13-14, where we see that believers are "sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchase possession, to the praise of His glory." When we are born again, we receive the promised indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit that is God's guarantee that He who began a good work in us will complete it (Philippians 1:6). In order for us to lose our salvation after receiving the promised Holy Spirit, God would have to break His promise or renege on His "guarantee," which He cannot do. Therefore, the believer is eternally secure because God is eternally faithful.

The understanding of this doctrine really comes from understanding the unique and special love that God has for His children. Romans 8:28-39 tells us that 1) no one can bring a charge against God's elect; 2) nothing can separate the elect from the love of Christ; 3) God makes everything work together for the good of the elect; and 4) all whom God saves will be glorified. God loves His children (the elect) so much that nothing can separate them from Him. Of course, this same truth is seen in many other passages of Scripture as well. In John 10:27-30, Jesus says, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." Again, in John 6:37-47, we see Jesus stating that everyone who the Father gives to the Son will come to Him and He will raise all of them up at the last day.

Another evidence from Scripture of the eternal security of a believer is found in John 5:24, where Jesus says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." Notice that eternal life is not something we get in the future but is something that we have once we believe. By its very nature, eternal life must last forever, or it could not be eternal. This passage says that, if we believe the gospel, we have eternal life and will not come into judgment; therefore, it can be said we are eternally secure. If someone is truly saved, he has been made alive by the Holy Spirit and has a new heart with new desires. There is no way that one that has been "born again" can later be "unborn." Because of His unique love for His children, God will keep all of His children safe from harm, and Jesus has promised that He would lose none of His sheep. The doctrine of the perseverance of the saints recognizes that true Christians will always persevere and are eternally secure because God keeps them that way. It is based on the fact that Jesus, the "author and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2), is able to completely save those whom the Father has given Him (Hebrews 7:25) and to keep them saved through all eternity.

~ S. Michael Houdmann  
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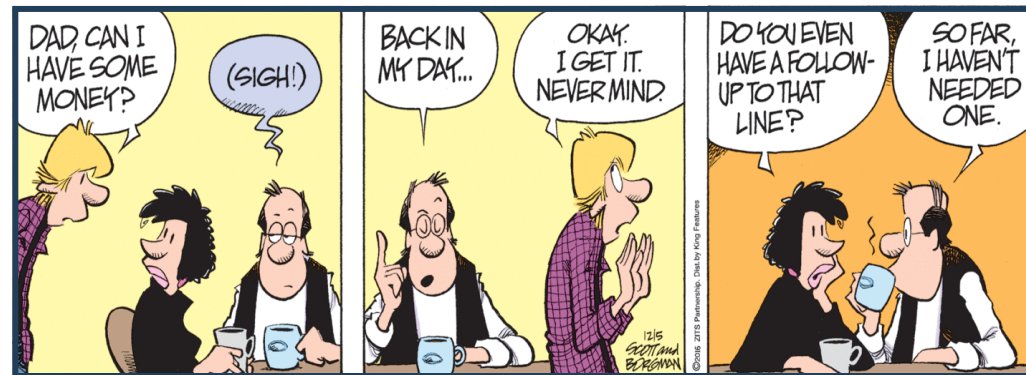
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----FEBRUARY 2024-----

- GAL's Meeting.....Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30
- Guy's Lunch.....Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Bible Study Fellowship Dinner.....Wednesday, February 14<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.



**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

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Ric Romyn, Joe Negron,  
Jonathan Kler

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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](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 You.

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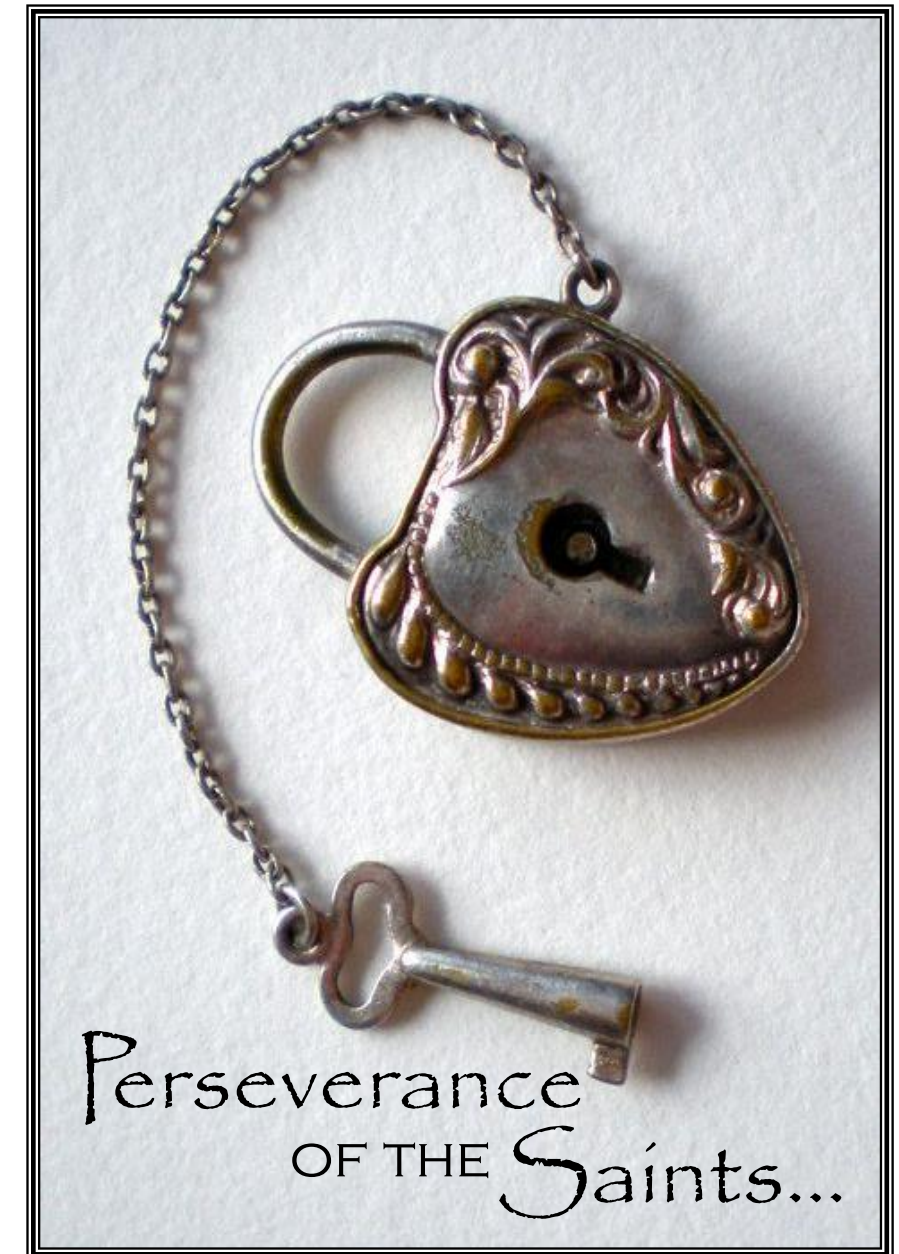
[www.fcczhills.org](http://www.fcczhills.org)  
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Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



**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



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