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Community Church

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WELCOME!

As the new year begins, we are so glad you chose to be here. In this season, whether you find yourself weary and anxious, or excited and hopeful, may the stories, prayers and songs shared among us offer you the comfort, hope and love you need to begin again!

Pastor Julie

CONNECT

As you enter, please stop at the check-in desk in the Gathering Space to register your attendance. If you are a visitor, please help us know who you are by filling out a "Connect Card" found in the pews and place in offering box.



GIVING

To support our mission and ministries, offering envelopes are available in the pew backs and envelopes can be placed in the Offering boxes in the Narthex area (at the back of the Sanctuary). Gifts can also be given online at fccfaithful.org/giving.

**please stand if you are able*
BOLD indicates congregational reading.

Please silence your cell phone.

Prelude

"I Lift My Soul to You"
Sue Pawlak, Piano

arr. Tate

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Travis Adams

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Call to Worship

Dana Dolan

A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God's salvation.'

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee #59

*Never See The End

Testimonial

Christina Kempe

Offering Prayer

Lord of blessing and power, receive the gifts we offer with gratitude for you, care for one another, and hope for the blessing they may be beyond our walls. May this act of worship aid in the building of the Kingdom of God, so all may see the world as you see it and love it as you love it. Amen.

Children's Blessing

With the love God freely gives us,
we love you!
Children: The Peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

(see back page side bar for Children's info)

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-20

NRSVUE

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all people will see God's salvation."

⁷John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰"What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

¹¹John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"

¹³"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.

¹⁴Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"

He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with [b] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

¹⁹But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

This is the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Please take a moment for silent reflection.

Sermon

Rev. Travis Adams

Call to Action

Brooke King-LaBreck,
Communication & Connection Director

Revive Us Again #463

*Benediction

Postlude

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Tate

Children's Ministry

Children's Worship meets during worship and concludes at 11:15 am

Nursery

Our quiet play and rest space for young children and their adults is next to the Gathering Space. It includes toys, rocking chairs, and a monitor to stream the worship service.

Children's Worship

Children begin in worship and are invited to leave the Sanctuary for Children's Worship after the Children's Blessing. Children must be signed in at the counter in the Gathering Space before worship, and signed out from their rooms following worship.

3 year olds – 3rd Grade

meet in Room 12 (blue room)

4th & 5th Graders

meet in Room 14 (yellow room)

Communion Sundays

Our older children (4th/5th grade) stay in worship for Communion. Our younger children return to the Sanctuary in time for communion.

Questions about Children's Ministry?
jvantil@fccfaithful.org

Youth Ministry

Groups meet Sundays
from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Tribes: Jr. High (6th - 8th Grades)
Meet in Room 10

Quest: High School (9th-12th Grades)
Meets in Room 23

Upper Room: 11th & 12th Grade
Meets 1st Tuesday of month in Room 23, from 7-8:30 pm

Questions about Youth Ministry?
Tadams@fccfaithful.org

Our thanks to today's musicians:

Sue Pawlak, piano;
Rob Calhoon, vocals & bass; Matt Epperson, vocals & guitar;
Addie Kempe, guitar; Brooke King-LaBreck, vocals;
Brittany Minnesma, vocals & cajon

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God
In memory of my parents Juan and Mary Ortiz from, Isabel Simard

Today's Refreshments
are provided by Laura & Dale Barnes

Lemonade is provided by Kim & Bill McCormick

Coffee from Just Be Coffee Roasters in Munster, IN
is generously supplied by an anonymous donation

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FAMILY LIFE

Follow us on facebook and visit fccfaithful.org/happenings



Do Good Weekend

in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 18 - 20 at Flossmoor Community Church

in partnership with the Center for Food Equity in Medicine

Choose from several opportunities hosted right here at FCC to make a difference in our community as we celebrate love, justice, and truth spoken in love.

Blood Drive

Saturday, Jan 18, 10 am-2:15 pm

We need a few folks to help direct folks and hand out snacks, but most importantly we need donors! Spread the word, grab a friend, and donate blood! Every donation saves three lives. Sign up by scanning the QR code on the back page flyer, or at fccfaithful.org/happenings.

Classical Music Concert

Sunday, January 19 at 4pm in the Sanctuary

The concert is free, but all monetary donations will be matched by a local donor and will benefit the Center for Food Equity in Medicine. See inside flyer for more info.

Pasta & Paper Drive

Monday, Jan 20, 11am -3 pm

FCC's Board of Faith In Action are collecting all types of pasta and paper products (such as paper towels, toilet paper, plates, etc) and sorting hundreds of donations from local businesses for CFFEIM's food pantry.

All of these amazing opportunities to serve are here at FCC!
For students needing volunteer hours, this is your time to shine!

"Help Each Other" Signs Available

The "Help Each Other" project by artist JB Daniel extends a simple message into the world. It promotes only the message with no other agenda or affiliation. You will see these signs installed around the church grounds beginning this week, and yard signs will be available for you to install at your own home today following worship for a \$5 donation.



2025 Star Words

Star Words are a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the New Year. If you haven't already, we invite you to draw a card from the communion table this Sunday with a Star Word to serve as a guiding word throughout the year. You are encouraged to place your star word where you will see it regularly, which will allow you to consistently reflect on how God is moving through, around, or in connection with that word in your life in 2025. Star words will be available throughout January.

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Care & Concern

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of former member, Nate Grant (TX), who died January 6. Memorial arrangements are pending.

We celebrate the birth of Olivia Mae, born December 30 to parents Nikki & Casey Sawilchik.

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SAVE THE DATE!



FOLLOWING WORSHIP

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation

**Intro: Sunday, January 26
after worship in the Family Room**

**Discussion: Sundays, February 9 - March 2
after worship in the Family Room**

Led by Trina Hayes

Join us for an introduction followed by four discussion sessions on the book *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes Du Mez. The book is a history of the last 75 years of white evangelicalism. It isn't a book about John Wayne, but uses his image to explore the cultural embrace of militant masculinity and power.



**Has resumed Wednesday Mornings
at 10 am in Genesis.**
All are welcome!



FCC Discovery Tool

**EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY
ENCOUNTER GOD
CLAIM PURPOSE
PURSUE YOUR CALLING**



Please take note:

The cost of dedicating flowers for worship will increase by \$5 to \$45/arrangement, beginning in February. If you give flowers annually, you will receive an email confirming the donation and the wording of your dedication before requesting payment.

Sunday, March 2, is available for flower dedications. If you are interested in dedicating the flowers in worship on this date or another time, please contact Kathi at k Leahy@fccfaithful.org.

You belong here. Your story matters.

Thank you for your generous giving!

Thank you to all who have generously made a financial commitment to FCC this year and turned in their commitment card! With your promise, we are able to better plan our budget for the fiscal year ahead.

We have a ways to go before we can cover operational costs and important ministry needs. No matter how small or large the amount, your commitment for 2025 makes a big difference. Your giving matters! Please submit a commitment online at fccfaithful.org/giving, or fill out a card in the pew and turn it in to an offering box in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

FREE Classical Concert for the Center for Food Equity in Medicine

Featuring...



*Alexandra
Dreeson*
Violin



*Noah
Kim*
Piano



*Sasha
Varchenko*
Violin



*Tristan
Zhu*
Violin



*Sung
Hoon Mo*
Piano

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Flossmoor Community Church
2218 Hutchison Road

4 PM

Please join incredibly talented pre-conservatory student musicians from the Academy program of the **Music Institute of Chicago** for a **FREE** concert featuring works by the following composers:

Tchaikovsky • Bach • Kreisler • Paganini

We will be accepting monetary donations to support the work of the **Center for Food Equity in Medicine**, which is a 501(c)3 that provides nutritious meals for the families of people battling life changing health conditions.

www.foodequityinmedicine.org



NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

DONATE BLOOD

Saturday
**January
18**

10:00 AM - 2:15 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.

MLK Days of Service Community Blood & Food Drive

Flossmoor Community Church
2218 Hutchison RD, Flossmoor, IL 60422

Appointments Preferred; Walk-in's Welcome!
Please make your appointment @ 1-800-786-4483,
on-line @ <https://tinyurl.com/3vvksenf>
or scan the QR Code ----->



Donate blood to support 62% of area patients
who require blood products at 85 Chicago-area
and NW Indiana hospitals.

Co-Hosted by Flossmoor Community Church &
Center for Food Equity in Medicine. Please bring &
donate pasta & paper goods.

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800-7TO-GIVE27
27 donors needed at this drive