



The \_\_\_\_\_  
**First Congregational Church**  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Woodstock \_\_\_\_\_

*Declaring, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today,  
and forever." Hebrews 13:8*

*April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Moment for Missions

Steve Thrall, Artists in Christian Testimony

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Isaiah 6

Congregation

Pastor: I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted,

**Congregation: And the train of his robe filled the temple.**

Pastor: Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

**Congregation: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”**

❖ Hymn of Exultation #1

*All People That on  
Earth Do Dwell*

Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Isaiah 30: 15-18

Pastor

Collective Confession

Psalm 51

Congregation

Be gracious to us, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, we have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Hebrews 2: 18

Pastor

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

❖ Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

Congregation

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning God, the Father?

**Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: What do you believe concerning Jesus?

**Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit and His work?

**Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>1</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

❖ Creedal Song #731	<i>Doxology</i>	Congregation
❖ Scripture Reading	Psalm 22:1-8	Pastor
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.		
<b>Congregation: Thanks be to God.</b>		
Pastoral Prayer		
Pastor		
❖ Hymn of Reflection #252	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Congregation
The Sermon		
Philippians 1:12-26		
<i>“Gospel Rejoicing with Patience”</i>		
❖ Hymn of Response #521	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>	Congregation
Communion		
Congregation		
❖ Communion Hymn #168	<i>I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art</i>	Congregation
Benediction		
Hebrews 13: 20-21		
Pastor		

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<sup>1</sup> The term “catholic” is used here in its generic sense of the universal church, not to refer to a denomination.

Pastor: Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.*

Postlude

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*~~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~~  
~~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~~*

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Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight  
at 6 pm in the church library.  
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Covered Dish Luncheon Today!

Join us for a covered dish luncheon in the Billings room after worship today. Enjoy some good food and fellowship with each other as well as visiting missionary Steve Thrall.

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Easter Flowers

Easter plants and flowers always bring beauty to the Easter service. If you would like to share a flowering plant for the Easter service in memory of a loved one and take it home after, please call Carol Powell at 457-3833 or email [carolruthpowell@hotmail.com](mailto:carolruthpowell@hotmail.com).

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## Passover and Easter: What's the Connection?

Experience an enlightening worship experience inspired by the Passover Seder instituted in Exodus chapter 12 as a way of reflecting on the meaning of Easter and the Lord's Supper. Join a Seder-inspired Maundy Thursday celebration here at FCCW led by Old Testament scholar Paul Gelsing Cruz from 6:30-8:00 PM on April 14, 2022. Participation is also available by live stream. A Seder meal will not be served, please plan to eat supper before coming to the service. Register online at <https://fccw.net/maundythursday/> to get your ceremony booklet and Seder box which will contain the elements of the Seder ceremony. Hope to see you there!

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## Leadership Training

The next leadership training session will be offered Saturday, April 9 and is open to anyone who would like to grow in their own walk with the Lord. Each session will run from 9:00 am until noon and will be available both in person and via Zoom. We will be studying Patience in Leadership this month. Hope to see you there! To register, please email Kristen at [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com).

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## Property Manager Position

FCCW is looking for a Property Manager. This part-time position requires the person or persons to work a flexible schedule, be able to handle a variety of tasks, and be a good steward of FCCW property. Please contact Karl Huck at 802-457-3072 or e-mail him at [karlhuck@gmail.com](mailto:karlhuck@gmail.com) for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

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April Prayer Letter is available in the narthex.

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## Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at [rbrissonwccc@gmail.com](mailto:rbrissonwccc@gmail.com) or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.

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## **Gospel Rejoicing with Patience**

**1. Rejoice! For the Gospel is Advancing (12-18)**

**2. Rejoice! For God's People Are Progressing (19-26)**

**3. Rejoice for Christ *Will Be Exalted!***

CONCLUSION: Jesus was forsaken to make us accepted. But He didn't stay forsaken, He rose and was exalted to the right hand of God. He is coming back and will be glorified together with all His people. Even so, we live now in the tension between the evil of this fallen world and Christ's unstoppable Kingdom advance. We will not be ultimately disappointed in this gospel hope. This gives us reason for great rejoicing even as we endure tremendous difficulty.

## Romans 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

## Psalm 22:1-8

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup> “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

## Second Timothy 1:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Therefore *do not be ashamed* of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do. But *I am not ashamed*, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup> Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

We live life in the tension of complete triumph and utter ruin. Christ has won the victory. “It is finished!” He declared from the cross. And yet we are still waiting, experiencing heart-ache and suffering. *Christ has gone to prepare a place for us, but we are not there yet.* This week we will explore *joyfully serving Him and one another as we await His return.*

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

READ **Philippians 1:12-26; Romans 6:1-14; 8:12-17; Second Timothy 3:10-17; Hebrews 11:32-40.** DISCUSS Why is rejoicing so critical in the life of the Christian? In the collective life of the Church? How can you rejoice today? PRAY “Lord, please restore the joy of Your salvation in our hearts and help us together to rejoice in the partnership You have called us to enjoy.”

## Sunday Evening

Please participate in the *Young Adults' Fellowship* tonight at 6pm or encourage someone who can.

## Monday

READ **Philippians 1:12-26; Romans 1:16-17.** DISCUSS What did you learn from the sermon yesterday? How does confidence in Christ's victory free us to serve others joyfully? SERVE Express gospel-centered joy to a specific person today! MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY, “Jesus, You conquered death and give us resurrection life. Yet, we struggle until Your return. Help us to know the certainty of Your victory and trust Your goodness to bring us to You victorious.”

## Tuesday

READ **Philippians 1:12-26; Psalm 22:1-8; Matthew 27:37-46.** DISCUSS How did Christ fulfill this Psalm for us? SERVE Joyfully care for someone who might feel forsaken! MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY, “Lord, help us to know Your acceptance so completely that we can face any other rejection with joyful confidence.”

### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 1:12-26; Psalm 22:1-8; Matthew 27:37-46.** DISCUSS, Have you experienced scorn for your trust in Christ? How comforting is it to know Jesus experienced the same? SERVE Write a note to someone unable to join us for worship in person. MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY, “Lord, thank You for enduring such humiliation for us. Teach us to respond with joy knowing that we are sharing in Your suffering.”

### Thursday

READ **Philippians 1:12-26; Second Timothy 1:8-14.** DISCUSS What shame does the gospel protect us from? How are you living in this confidence? SERVE Look for opportunities to care for others that no one else will. MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY, Lord, we long to be made new in the power of the resurrection. Help us to live in resurrection life.”

### Friday

READ **Philippians 1:12-26; Romans 6:1-14; 8:12-17; Second Timothy 3:10-17; Hebrews 11:32-40.** DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? DELIGHT in Christ, knowing that we will be like Him one day! MEDITATE on **John 16:33.** PRAY for unity and joyful care for one another at FCCW.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream.* READ **Philippians 1:1-30; John 12:12-19.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

## John 16:33

*“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation.  
But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*