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

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

*July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022*

# *The Order of Morning Worship*

July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Nine-thirty

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-4 Pastor

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever. Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

❖ Hymn of Exultation #457 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance Hebrews 4:14-16 Pastor

Prayer of Collective Confession Congregation

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness Acts 13:38; Eph 1:7 Pastor

Offering (collected from back to front) Congregation

Pastoral Prayer Pastor

❖ Creedal Song *Gospel Song* Congregation

❖ Scripture Reading Romans 10:1-13 Pastor

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| ❖ Hymn of Reflection #468 | <i>My Faith Has Found<br/>a Resting Place</i>   | Congregation |
| The Sermon                | Philippians 3:3-7<br><i>“Insiders by Grace”</i> | Pastor       |
| ❖ Hymn of Response #460   | <i>Amazing Grace</i>                            | Congregation |
| ❖ Benediction             | Numbers 6:24-26                                 | Pastor       |
- And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*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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### Market on the Green

The 2022 season of our face painting booth at Market on the Green is well underway! Volunteers from FCCW are at the park every **Wednesday**, June 1-Oct 12 from **3-6 pm**, offering free face painting for all ages. We also have coloring books, and story time for the kids. Each Wednesday we serve between 20 and 40 families. We often hear comments like “Your face painting is a highlight of our kids’ week!” and “We love that you guys are here serving the community!”

More helping hands are always welcome! If you would like to help in any way with this amazing outreach opportunity please contact Hayley Bauer at [hayleylgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:hayleylgriffith@gmail.com).

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# Intro to FCCW Workshop

Interested in knowing more about FCCW? Want to explore questions about the Bible in a small group? What does it mean to be a member? What opportunities are there to serve at FCCW? Consider attending the *Intro to FCCW Workshop* being offered **five consecutive Thursday evenings, August 4-September 1, from 6-8 pm.** This workshop will give insight into how FCCW functions and the importance of membership. Please contact Kristen at [fccwinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fccwinfo@gmail.com) to register.

Session One—Worship

Session Two—Joyous Knowledge

Session Three—Radical Love for One Another

Session Four— Extending His Grace

Session Five— Belonging to His Community

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The August 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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## **Insiders by Grace**

**1. There Is *Great Danger* in Placing Confidence *in the Flesh* (1-3).**

**2. Paul Lists His Insider Credentials (4-6).**

**3. Our Best Assets Cannot Compare to Christ Who Gives Freely (7).**

CONCLUSION: This passage addresses the danger of putting our confidence in our spiritual resume. Both things that we have inherited from godly parents and those things we have done ourselves in accordance with God's commands can turn from commendable to toxic if they are not received from God's hand by faith in Jesus. He alone is our worthy credential as part of God's holy family.

## **Romans 10:1-13**

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## **Genesis 17:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup>This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup>He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, <sup>13</sup>both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup>Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

## **Galatians 3:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

## **Numbers 25:1-13**

While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. <sup>2</sup>These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup>So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people and hang them in the sun before the Lord, that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel." <sup>5</sup>And Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor."

<sup>6</sup>And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting. <sup>7</sup>When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand <sup>8</sup>and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped. <sup>9</sup>Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

<sup>10</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>11</sup>"Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. <sup>12</sup>Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, <sup>13</sup>and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel.'"

## **Psalms 118:1-29**

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

What grants you status before the God of the Universe? If you trust in what you have *inherited* or *accomplished*, you will be denied entrance. You may think that is unfair, but that will not change your rejection. But *if by grace you are in Christ by faith*, then the door to God swings wide open.

*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 3:3-7; Romans 10:1-13; Genesis 17:9-14; Galatians 3:23-29; Psalm 118:1-29; Numbers 25:1-13.** DISCUSS On what basis do you come to God today? What is our certainty? Why? What provides you confidence today and hope for tomorrow? PRAY “Jesus, thank You for blessings we inherit as well as those You enable us to accomplish. They all demonstrate Your glory.”

## Sunday Evening

The *Young Adults' Fellowship* will meet at **6pm** in the FCCW Library.

## Monday

READ **Philippians 3:3-7; Romans 10:1-13; Psalm 118:1-4.** DISCUSS What was Paul's heart-felt prayer for his countrymen? How would they be saved? How are we? To whose credit is it? SERVE by putting someone else's interest *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Romans 10:4.** PRAY, “Lord, thank You for the grace of our salvation. Forgive us for in any way thinking we can merit it.”

## Tuesday

READ **Philippians 3:3-7; Genesis 17:9-14; Leviticus 12:1-4; Luke 1:57-66; 2:21-32.** DISCUSS What was circumcision to represent? Why was it given to babies who could not yet have faith? How could this good sign and seal of the covenant be bad? How is the same true of baptism? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:4.** PRAY, “Lord, *improve our baptism.*”

### Wednesday

READ **Philippians 3:3-7; Galatians 3:23-29; Psalm 118:5-14**. DISCUSS Now that this faith has come, from what are we free? How are we to use that freedom? In lawlessness? By trying to keep the law for approval? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:4**. PRAY, “Lord, teach us to abide in You alone.”

### Thursday

READ **Philippians 3:3-7; Numbers 25:1-13; Psalm 118:15-29**. DISCUSS What did Phinehas do? Why? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:4**. ATTEND the *Intro Class* tonight from **6-8pm** if you are able. PRAY, “Lord, grant us zeal for Your name. Help us to apply that zeal according to Your Word.”

### Friday

READ **Philippians 3:3-7; Romans 10:1-13; Genesis 17:9-14; Galatians 3:23-29; Psalm 118:1-29; Numbers 25:1-13**. DISCUSS, How has God been convicting you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Romans 10:4**. PRAY that we at FCCW would *bless the God who has so richly blessed us in Christ*.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Philippians 3:1-21**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the 9:30 service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

## Romans 10:4

For Christ is the end of the law  
for righteousness to everyone who believes.