

This Week

TODAY

Ministry Update Mtg - 12:00 p.m.
Youth Group - 5:00 p.m.
Pulpit Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Small Group (Men) - 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
Staff Meeting - 10:30 a.m.
Small Group (Women) - 1:00 p.m.
Small Group (Women) - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Small Group (Women) - 12:30 p.m.
GriefShare - 7:00 p.m.
Worship Choir - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Small Group (Women) - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Small Group (Couples) - 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Small Group (Adult) - 9:00 a.m.
SAM Easter Meditation - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Worship on RCTV - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Small Groups - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
Youth Ministry Team - 12:00 p.m.
Pulpit Meeting - 6:15 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.



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Worship

March 11, 2018

Welcome to our Worship Service.
May the God of Hope fill His people
with all Joy and Peace
as we together trust in Him by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Readings
Revelation 14:6-7
Deuteronomy 11:13-21

Testimony

Prayer

Offering
Keunyoung Sun

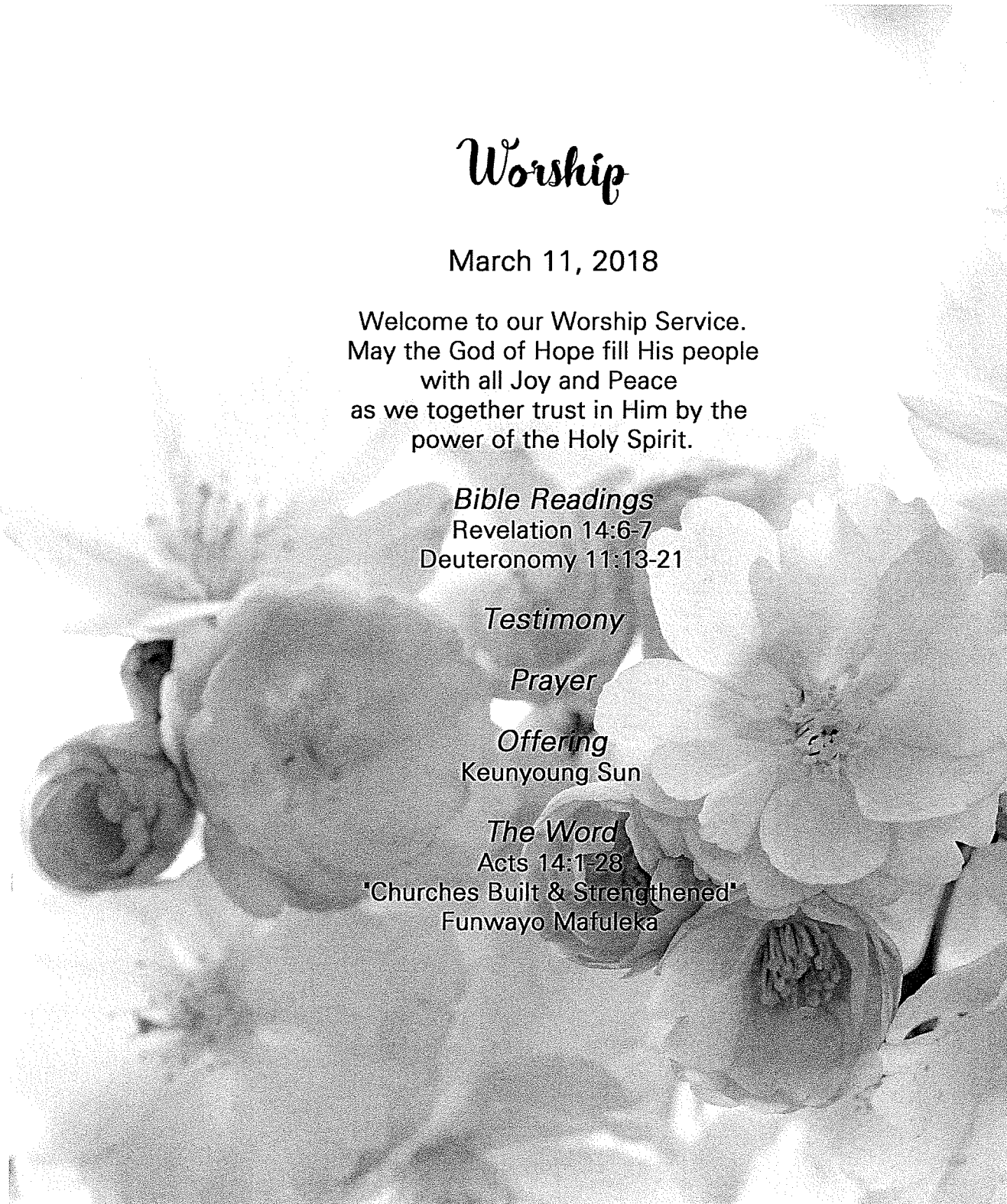
The Word
Acts 14:1-28
'Churches Built & Strengthened'
Funwayo Mafuleka

Prayer Requests

(781)944-3876 ext. 298
prayer@fbcreading.org

How can we pray for you?
(name optional)

Please place your prayer request in
the offering plate. We will be
happy to pray for you.



When you Pray

PRAISE ~ THANKSGIVING ~ PRAYER

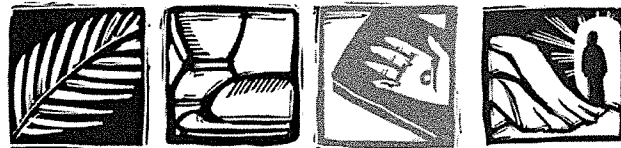
- ✠ Praise and thanksgiving to God for His Son, Jesus Christ!
- ✠ Praise and thanksgiving to God for His righteous acts of love. ♥
- ✠ Please pray that God will be preparing the heart of a new lead pastor and discernment for our search team and body to recognize the man of God's choosing.
- ✠ Please pray that we will become an increasingly Gospel centered/Christ centered body of believers.
- ✠ Pray for the health, well-being, Holy Spirit receptivity and unity of our church community during this time of transition.
Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel. Philipians 1:27
- ✠ Pray that God would give our church body a heart for the lost.
Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:2-6
- ✠ Prayer for God to enhance and expand our outreach into the community.
- ✠ Pray for our nation and the leaders God has placed over us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUEST FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE
Please pray that your Pulpit Committee, and in fact our entire congregation, would be humble before God. That we would earnestly confess our sins and seek redemption through Christ Jesus - and reconciliation with each other - all our transgressions. We pray that we would be made whole through Christ - and that the pastor ordained to lead us would meet us in prayerful humility. Psalm 51

MINISTRY UPDATE MEETING
Today we will have our Monthly Ministry Update meeting immediately following worship in the sanctuary.

GRIEFSHARE
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
GriefShare is a 13 week program facilitated by caring people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Please contact griefshare@fbcreading.org to learn more. There is a small fee for materials.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

SAM Meditation - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 17
Palm Sunday Service - 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 25
Maundy Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. Thurs., March 29
Resurrection Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1
SONrise Service - 7:00 a.m. on Reading Common
SONrise Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Resurrection Worship - 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary (No Sunday School)

SONRISE CAFÉ BREAKFAST
RESURRECTION SUNDAY APRIL 1st at 8:30 a.m.
Chef Bill Downie is cooking so we can look forward to eggs and bacon, sausage and hash browns, but we need volunteers to assist with set up/clean up and donations of some breakfast items. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

LOVE GOD ~ LOVE OTHERS ~ SERVE

READING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY
The Reading Food Pantry is asking for: toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, spaghetti sauce, hot chocolate, juice boxes, and snacks for children. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex. Thank you for helping families in need!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP - UPDATE
Recent donations through the church and through GoFundMe have allowed Funwayo to clear all arrears owed to the seminary, pay for his wife Victory's last treatment at the Lahey Clinic, and purchase books for his January class. The remaining need now is tuition for two and a half classes in his last seminary semester (Feb-Apr), and the seminary's health insurance premiums for Victory. Funwayo and his wife Victory have been attending our church with their children for three years. If you feel led to continue to help this family during their time of need, please speak directly with Funwayo or see Liz Kealy for more information. You may also place a check in the offering plate with "Seminarian Fund" in the memo line, or go to www.gofundme.com/funwayo

COMMUNITY GARDENS
The community garden at FBC is a space where people can come together and grow their own food. These garden spaces function as outdoor engagement centers that can improve people's access to fresh food, physical activity and connections with our neighbors. Last fall, Ryan Monahan designed and built these garden spaces for us as part of his Eagle Scout project. We have twelve, 5' by 10' and eight, 5' by 5' raised garden beds. As God has blessed us, we would like to bless our community with access to these gardens. We will also have some available for our church family, so if you are interested in having a garden space please email the office at office@fbcreading.org

WEEKLY COFFEE & CONVERSATION
Each week after worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship in the Narthex. Take a few moments following worship today to say hello to one another, enjoy some coffee, tea, hot chocolate and donuts.

LOVE CARDS AND PRAYER LIST
We have cards and addresses available in the narthex for those on our prayer list. Take a few minutes to fill one out and we will mail it for you!

AT THE WELCOME CENTER

- Leadership Team monthly meeting minutes.
- Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) role description.
- Sunday morning schedules.
- Our prayer list.
- Pulpit Committee Covenant.

SMALL GROUPS AT FBC

Inviting people into a growing relationship with Jesus

Message text for Sunday, March 18th: **Acts 15:1-35**

GROUP FOR MEN
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Dan Tropeano dtropeano@gmail.com

GROUPS FOR WOMEN
Tuesdays 2nd & 4th at 1:00 p.m.
Contact: Betty MacLean bmaclea249@gmail.com

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Liz Kealy lizajanekealy@gmail.com

Wednesdays 2nd & 4th at 12:30 p.m.
Contact: Sylvia Peterson sylvia.peterson7@comcast.net

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Carmen Redfearn redfearnfamily@gmail.com

GROUPS FOR EVERYONE
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Contact: Lorrie Comeford pastorlorrie@fbcreading.org

Saturdays 1st, 3rd & 4th at 9:00 a.m.
Contact: Sarah Falcone sarahafalcone@gmail.com

GROUP FOR PARENTS
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Contact: Joan Rizzo joanrizzo725@gmail.com

GROUP FOR COUPLES
Fridays 1st & 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Gary and Linda Walls gdlkwalls@gmail.com