

## Addressing Fears

Attending a church for the first time can be intimidating. Here are some common worries:

### ***"Will they make me stand up and say something."***

We can assure you, we won't embarrass you in this or any other way. We want you to feel as comfortable as possible and at home with us. Time at church should be an enjoyable and uplifting experience. We promise to do all we can so you can learn about your Savior.

### ***"I know my child is going to be too noisy."***

Our congregation is much like a family with infants and kids and teens and adults and elderly. It is not unusual to hear the cry of a baby mixed in with the sound of hymns or readings. We also have glass doors in the back of the sanctuary, so you can sit outside the sanctuary, and comfortably care for your children, while still engaging in the service. We also have an excellent Nursery and children's Worship program.

### ***"I know I will feel out of place."***

We hope this visitor's guide has helped to ease your mind, but if you have a question, please ask someone for help. Don't hesitate to say, "I'm new here. Can you help me?" We can assure you our members are more than willing to help!

### ***"I'm afraid I'll say or do something wrong."***

You are not alone! All of us, at some time, have felt this way in a new situation. We hope you'll see that the people at FRC are ordinary people like yourself. We want to accept you as you are and help you become what Christ wants you to be. We do not want to throw cold water on that with a critical spirit.

### ***"I want to know what the format is like, so I know what is required of me."***

You could watch a service online first, if that would make you more comfortable. But, the services are very easy to follow along with, even for first time visitors.

### ***"I don't know that much about the Bible."***

*You are not alone. This is one of the reasons we go to church to learn. You will be in good company with many others who don't know that much about the Bible.*