

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Refrain*

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Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-3 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

All: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!

Song of Praise Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Refrain: Arise (Arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above for me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for every race; His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *Refrain*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" *Refrain*

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh; with confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father" cry. *Refrain*

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession 1 John 1:5-6

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Prayer of Confession

Offer of Forgiveness 1 John 2:2

Leader: He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid,
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea,
Oh the chains are released; I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
"Yet not I but through Christ in me."
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Prayers of the People This Week's Prayer Focus Patrick Bush, FSM Director

Worship: that we would be poor in spirit
Community: for Hannah Barnett and Faith kids ministries
Mission: for Young Life – Birmingham South (Shelby County)

Lord's Prayer

Reading of the Scripture Matthew 5:1-10

- ¹ Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.
- ² And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Preaching of God's Word A Compassionate Community Jason Sterling, Sr. Pastor

Musical Offering How Can I Keep from Singing? arr. Tom Fettke

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning Luke 22:14-20

And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymns I Will Sing of My Redeemer arr. Anna Laura Page

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here.
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
Words: John Stocker | Sandra McCracken

Closing Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Trinity Hymnal* No. 32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Benediction and Sending

Postlude

Partaking of the Lord's Supper at Faith

If you know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, are earnestly repentant of your sins, are willing to renew your commitment to Christ, and are a member in good standing with a branch of Christ's church that preaches Jesus Christ as the only way to God the Father, we welcome you to partake of this sacrament with us. An usher will dismiss rows starting at the front of each section.

Please come forward using the center aisle, and wait until an usher directs you to one of the stations. We encourage families to come together. Please take a piece of bread and a cup as the trays of elements are passed. Cups with wine and cups with juice are marked on the trays. You will consume the elements while you are at the front. Return to your seat by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward, please ask someone near you to alert a server, and an elder will bring the elements to you.

Children and adults who have not yet professed their faith in Christ or been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward with their families for prayer. Children and adults should partake only after professing their faith publicly.

Church Officers

Ruling Elders

James Albritton	Eric Henry	Chris Ryan
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Financial Snapshot of Faith

	Income	Anticipated Income
August 2023	\$ 352,560	\$ 312,000
YTD 2023	\$ 2,786,087	\$ 2,379,000
Percentage of Budget Remaining: 29 %		

50th Year Art Display

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Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at faith-pca.org or on the Faith PCA app.

We're celebrating our 50th year as a church through art! We're asking artists in the congregation to submit artwork for a special art exhibit. More details can be found on the app or website.

Grace House Yard Work Day: Register to serve at Grace House on September 23 from 9-12.


Foundations of Faith: Our Foundations of Faith membership class meets on October 15, 22, and 29 at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Sundays at Faith

Adults and Students


Kingdom Communities meet at 9:45 a.m. A map of classroom locations is available at the welcome desk in the upper gathering hall.



FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES
 Room 234
7th-12th graders



GENESIS
 Room 214
Singles and married couples in their early-to-mid 20s



MOSAIC
 Room 168
Singles and married couples in their mid-to-late 20s



COVENANT
 Room 144
Singles and married couples with or without young children in their late 20s to mid 30s


COMMON GROUND
 Room 104
Parents of early elementary-age children; singles and couples in their mid 30s to mid 40s


CORNERSTONE
 Room 145
Parents of older elementary-junior high students; singles and couples in their late 30s or 40s


CROSSROADS
 (across Buckton Road)
Parents of senior high and college students; singles and couples primarily in their mid 40s or 50s


SOJOURNERS
 Room 101-102
Parents of adult children; singles and couples primarily in their late 50s or 60s


TAPESTRY
 Room 103
Singles and couples primarily in their late 60s, 70s or 80s

Children

For children ages K5 - 6th grade, KingdomKids meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Children's Ministry check-in is at the bottom of the worship center stairs.

Nursery

For children birth - 4 years old, nursery is provided for both worship services and during Kingdom Communities. Check-in is available at the nursery entrance on the upper level.

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