

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent

Oh How Good to Be Together

Oh how good to be together in this weary world we trod.
What a gift, what a treasure, kindred in the house of God.

On this day the Lord has fashioned, come rejoice with all your might.
Raise a banner of salvation; He has led us through the night.

Refrain: Oh the joy, oh the sweetness, to be gathered in the name of the Lord.
Evermore He will keep us, from the valley to the golden shore.

When it looked like evil conquered, when we felt the darkest hour,
In despair we sought the Father, and He has proved His mighty pow'r. *Refrain*

Tell the theme of His provision, how He met our ev'ry need.
He has been our firm foundation, and He will ever, always be. *Refrain*

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Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Leader: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Song of Praise

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession

Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.
Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Prayer of Confession

Worship Sourcebook

Awesome and compassionate God, You have loved us with unailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved You. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us
to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, have mercy on us.
We repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness

Hebrews 7:25

Leader: Christ is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through
Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand!

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death!

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good. God is good.

Where are His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh? Unto the shore, the rock of Christ! *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord; then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore! *Refrain*

Prayers of the People

This Week's Prayer Focus

Worship: that we would walk with wisdom for God's glory

Community: for our elders and deacons caring for the church

Mission: for Dorothy Meyer, with Resonate Global, Belize

All Generations: that God would further His kingdom through this project

Reading of the Scripture

1 Samuel 30:1-15

¹ Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire ² and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. ³ And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. ⁴ Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. ⁵ David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. ⁶ And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

⁷ And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Bring me the ephod.” So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. ⁸ And David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?” He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue.” ⁹ So David set out, and the six hundred men who were with him, and they came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. ¹⁰ But David pursued, he and four hundred men. Two hundred stayed behind, who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor.

¹¹ They found an Egyptian in the open country and brought him to David. And they gave him bread and he ate. They gave him water to drink, ¹² and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit revived, for he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights. ¹³ And David said to him, “To whom do you belong? And where are you from?” He said, “I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite, and my master left me behind because I fell sick three days ago. ¹⁴ We had made a raid against the Negeb of the Cherethites and against that which belongs to Judah and against the Negeb of Caleb, and we burned Ziklag with fire.” ¹⁵ And David said to him, “Will you take me down to this band?” And he said, “Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this band.”

Preaching of God's Word

What to Do When Life Goes Against You

Alan Carter

The Loneliness of Leadership

In the Face of a Frowning Providence

Ordination and Installation of Officers

(8:15)

Elders: Eric Henry; Randy Pigg; Andy Smith

Deacons: Keith Belcher; Ben Carmichael; Derrick Helm; Isaac McDow

(11:00)

Elders: David Breland; Johnny Johnson; Chad Merrill; Andrew Murray; Karl Potts;

Grady Trammell

Deacons: Keith Cooke; Jeff Mutchler; Brian Thompson

Questions for Ordination and Installation

To the candidates:

- Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
- Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
- Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

To the congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as a ruling elders (or deacons), and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this church, entitles them?

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

Matthew 26:26-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Molly Ijames

Closing Hymns

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs and works His sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;

The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Benediction and Sending

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.

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Upcoming at Faith

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

Church Picnic: Everyone is invited to our annual church picnic at the Kinnebrews' farm (90 Bishop Lane) on May 5 at 4 p.m.

Class of 2024 Recognition: On Sunday, May 5, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors. Please email your student's full name and which worship service you will attend to [Laura Brantley \(lbrantley@faith-pca.org\)](mailto:lbrantley@faith-pca.org).

Faith Cookbook: We're gathering recipes from members until Sunday, May 5.


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 101
*Singles and married
couples in their
early 20s*



EXODUS
Room 102
*Singles and married
couples in their
mid 20s to early 30s*



MOSAIC
Room 168
*Singles and married
couples in their
late 20s to early 30s*



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 elemen-
tary-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 214
*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*

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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.