

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

<b>Song of Ascent</b>	Psalm 34 (Taste and See)
I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from ev'ry fear. Those who look on Him are radiant. They'll never be ashamed. They'll never be ashamed.	
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies. The Son of God surrounds His saints; He will deliver them. He will deliver them.	
<i>Refrain:</i> Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together. Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.	
O taste and see that the Lord is good. O blessed is he who hides in Him. O fear the Lord, O all you saints. He'll give you everything. He'll give you everything.	
<i>Bridge:</i> Let us bless the Lord ev'ry day and night. Never-ending praise, may our incense rise.	
<i>Ending:</i> O taste and see that the Lord is good. He'll give you everything. He'll give you everything.	
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<b>Call to Worship</b>	Psalm 147:1-5	Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor
<b>Leader:</b>	Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.	
<b>All:</b>	He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.	

<b>Song of Praise</b>	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> No. 53
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration.		
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordaineth?		
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, If with His love He befriend thee!		
Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!		
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him.		

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

<b>Call to Confession</b>	1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.	

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, rescue us from the dark of our loveless ways, and draw us back to Your light. You taught us to walk with patience and kindness. We have been quick-tempered and indifferent to those near us. You instructed us to be glad for the gifts our neighbors enjoy. We have been envious of their success. Jesus, You showed us

the way of humility, honoring the weak and valuing their interests above our own. We have been condescending and self-absorbed. For these sins we repent. Christ, have mercy on us, and keep us near the cross, ever trusting in Your perfect sacrifice to save. Spirit, remove our stone hearts, and give us hearts devoted to love as you love us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<b>Offer of Forgiveness</b>	1 Peter 3:18
<b>Leader:</b>	For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.
<b>All:</b>	We receive Your great mercy, O God!

<b>Hymn of Rejoicing</b>	Man of Sorrows
Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed; The sin of man and wrath of God have been on Jesus laid. Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned, Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.	
<i>Refrain:</i> O that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me, Now my soul cries out hallelujah; praise and honor unto Thee.	
Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.	
<i>Bridge:</i> Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled. Now the curse of sin has no hold on me. Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.	

See the stone is rolled away: behold the empty tomb! Hallelujah! God be praised! He's risen from the grave!	
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<b>Sacrament of Baptism</b>	Bo Jones Thomas Harrison Randal Aldridge	8:15 11:00
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<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Prayer Focus	Steve Hood, FaithKids Director
<b>Worship:</b>	for hearts that are quick to repent (2 Corinthians 7:10)	
<b>Community:</b>	for Sprouts	
<b>Mission:</b>	for Lizzy Cary with Mission to the World, Bulgaria	
<b>All Generations:</b>	that God would further His kingdom through this project	

<b>Reading of the Scripture</b>	Luke 15:11-32
<sup>11</sup> And He said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”	

<b>Preaching of God's Word</b>	A Gospel-Centered Church	Jason Sterling, Sr. Pastor
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<b>Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning</b>	Mark 14:22-25
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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Distribution of the Elements

<b>Communion Hymn</b>	Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)	arr. Lloyd Larson
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<b>Closing Hymns</b>	Feast in the Father's Land
I know the sting of sadness in my throat. I know the veil of ashes cloud my road. I feel the fear of wondering where I’m goin’. Oh, I know. Oh, I know.	
But I know the song of laughter filling my lungs. I know the road of trouble won’t be long. I got a sweeter Eden soon to come. Oh, I’m tasting heaven on my tongue.	
<i>Refrain:</i>	We’re gonna shout with the angel band. We’re gonna rise with the rhythm and dance. Our Brother is awaiting with the wine and the bread. We’re gonna feast in the Father’s land.

I got the Father smiling over my head. I got the Son redeeming every square inch.  
Look at the Spirit seeding grace in the land. I can taste the kingdom coming in.

*Bridge:* Is there a valley keeping Him from coming again? Oh no, oh no, no, no.  
And will the joy of freedom fill my ev'ry step? Oh yes, oh yes, yes, yes.  
And will the darkness leave the world beyond repair? Oh no, oh no, no, no.  
And will the beams of heaven break in everywhere? Oh yes, oh yes, yes, yes.

*Refrain:* We’re gonna shout with the angel band.  
We’re gonna dance like we’ve never danced.  
Brother Jesus is awaiting with the wine and the bread.  
We’re gonna feast in the Father's land.

Kirk Sauers | Paul Ranheim | Mellow Toad Music | Bold Canary Music.

	On Jordan’s Stormy Banks
On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.	
All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.	
<i>Refrain:</i>	I am bound (women echo), I am bound (women echo), (All) I am bound for the Promised Land.
No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more. <i>Refrain</i>	
When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest? When shall I see my Father’s face and in His bosom rest? <i>Refrain</i>	
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## Doxology

## Benediction

## 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.

## Mission Partners

### Global Missions

Alex and Maggie Halbert — *Mission to the World, Honduras*  
Alex and Suzanne Sarran — *Mission GO, France*  
Andy Weatherly — *Grace Church Stirchley, England*  
Argyris and Dina Petrou — *AMG International, Greece*  
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Taylor and Katherine Dix — *Mission to the World, Bulgaria*  
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Ty and Ginna Nash — *Mission to the World, Thailand*

### Regional Missions

RUF at Jacksonville State University  
Danny Harry — RUF Intern, University of Tennessee Knoxville  
Latasha Allston — RUF Campus Staff, Howard University  
Michael Alsup — RUF-I Minister, Auburn University  
Stewart Swain — RUF Minister, University of Alabama  
Tanner Crum — RUF Minister, Auburn University  
Josh Kruntorad — RUF Minister, University of Nebraska  
Kirk Norris — RUF-I Minister, Washington University in St. Louis

### Local Missions

Aaron Long — *Restoration Academy, Fairfield, Alabama*  
Amy (Hudson) Kesler — *RUF Campus Staff, University of Alabama at Birmingham*  
Ben Griffith — *RUF Minister, Samford University*  
Brad Owens — *RUF Minister, University of Alabama at Birmingham*  
Cameron Patterson — *Unbound Grace, Addiction Counseling*  
Grace House Ministries — *Fairfield, Alabama*  
GriefShare — *Grief & Loss Support Groups*  
John Steakley — *Unbound Grace, Addiction Counseling*  
*Lifeline Children's Services*  
Restoration Academy — *Fairfield, Alabama*  
Sav-A-Life — *Shelby County*  
Stephen Merwin — *RUF-I Minister, University of Alabama at Birmingham*  
Tyler Harris — *Unbound Grace, Addiction Counseling*  
Young Life — *Birmingham South (Shelby County)*

To serve, to give, or if you have questions about missions, please contact Johnny Johnson ([jjohnson@faith-pca.org](mailto:jjohnson@faith-pca.org)).

## Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at [faith-pca.org](http://faith-pca.org) or on the Faith PCA app.

**Labor Day Weekend:** There will be no Sunday evening activities at church tonight.

**Foundations of Faith:** If you are interested in joining Faith or in knowing more about this church and Christianity, register for our membership classes on October 6, 13, 20, and 27.

**Faith Choir:** Choir rehearsals will meet Wednesday evenings beginning September 25 from 6:30–8 p.m. Contact Erin McDow ([erinmcdow@gmail.com](mailto:erinmcdow@gmail.com)) if you are interested.


## 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*

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


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


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


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

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

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

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

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

  
**SOJOURNERS**  
Room 214  
*Parents of adult children;  
singles and couples  
primarily in their late 50s  
or 60s*

## A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

September 1, 2024

### 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.