

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent All Creatures of Our God and King *Trinity Hymnal* (TH) No. 115

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-3 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Song of Praise Run and Run

Run and run, the law demands, but gives me neither feet nor hands.
Better news the gospel brings — it bids me fly; it gives me wings.

Bearing shame and all my sin, there in my place He stood condemned.
Here I stand, now justified — my guilt is His; His grace is mine.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord!
Now and forevermore my heart confess:
Christ is all my righteousness.

My accuser, he may roar, of countless sins that I have done.
These I know and thousands more — behold my God! He knows not one.

When I stand before the throne, there dressed in beauty not my own,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know, not 'til that day how much I owe. *Refrain*

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, the light of Your holy word shines upon our unbelief. Our deepest desires are fully known to You, and there are no secrets kept from You. You see all the evil that dwells within our hearts: coveting, pride, immorality, and hatred. We have treasured and trusted the empty promises of sin. We repent and plead for Your mercy. Holy Spirit, cleanse the thoughts of hearts and lead us back to Jesus. May we ever trust His unfailing love, enduring goodness, and perfect righteousness clothing us by faith. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:8-9

Leader: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace! — how sweet the sound — that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Refrain: My chains are gone; I’ve been set free! My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns: unending love, amazing grace!

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*
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Sacrament of Baptism

8:15: John Benner Moores, Joanna Joy Youngblood

Prayers of the People Prayer Focus Chad Merrill

Worship: that we would trust God works all things for the good of those who love him
(Romans 8:28)

Community: for those leading Grace Groups this year
Mission: Tanner Crum – RUF Minister, Auburn University
All Generations: for the officers and the building committee as they make decisions

Reading of the Scripture Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28

⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶ how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” ²⁷ And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Preaching of God's Word The Gift of the Sabbath Tanner Crum

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

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn Jesus, Lover of My Soul arr. Lloyd Larson

Closing Hymns What a Beautiful Name It Is

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

Refrain: What a beautiful (wonderful) name it is. What a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a beautiful name it is.
Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great; Your love was greater. What could separate us now? *Refrain*

Bridge: Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave; the heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.
You have no rival; You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign; Yours is the kingdom.
Yours is the glory. Yours is the name above all names.

Refrain: What a powerful name it is. What a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a powerful name it is.
Nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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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.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
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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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.

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

Evangelism Conference Sign-up

Scan this QR code:



Upcoming at Faith

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

Grace Group registration opens today! Groups will begin meeting the week of August 18.

Hymn Sing: Gather for an end-of-summer hymn sing next Sunday evening, August 11, from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Evangelism Conference: Register for our evangelism conference led by Dr. John Leonard, August 23–25.


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 elementary–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*

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Children

For children ages K5 - 6th grade, KingdomKids meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

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.