

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent

Jesus Is Alive

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One who once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away.
Praise the risen One who overcame the grave.

All you brokenhearted, all you worn and weak,
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wand'ring spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,
Find the risen King who overcomes the world.

Refrain: Let there be dancing in the darkness,
And let our song break through the night.
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King,
For Jesus is alive.

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection perfect love has set the captives free.
Praise the risen King, who stands in victory! *Refrain*

Bridge: Hallelujah! Death is undone! Hallelujah! Jesus has won!
Hallelujah! We overcome! Oh, in Jesus, oh, in Jesus.

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Call to Worship

From Psalm 104 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, You are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

People: O LORD, how manifold are Your works!
In wisdom have You made them all;
the earth is full of Your creatures.

Leader: These all look to You,
to give them their food in due season.
When You give it to them, they gather it up;
when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

Song of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small;
Creator, Sustainer, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith. Arrangement: 2021 Percival, Philip; Chapman, Liv

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession

Colossians 3:5-8

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, how easily we are swayed to follow the old ways of our flesh. We are forgetful that we are new creations in Christ. We confess cultivating spaces for our sin to grow, welcoming impure things with our ears and our eyes. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us for our many sins: for our greed, as we have idolized our wealth while neglecting the needy; for our dishonest lips and slanderous words, which have harmed our friends and family. Father, we long to hear Your pardoning voice, again. Pour out Your grace and renew us into the image of our Savior, Jesus. Breathe life on us today, and lead us in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing

My Savior Left His Throne Above

My Savior left His throne above, exchanged His wealth for poverty.
He took my hate and gave His love; all this and more He did for me.
Because He chose the lowly way and bowed before His Father's will,
I can with all assurance say, "My God is near and loves me still."

He felt the storms of human pain; He felt temptation's whelming seas.
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain; all this and more He felt for me.
Because He knows my every strife and is acquainted with my grief,
I can't be shaken in this life; the Friend of Sinners walks with me.

He kept His Father's every word; the Law He followed perfectly.
So all God's pleasure He secured; all this and more He earned for me.
Because His righteous life is mine and all His merits now I own,
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known.

When Jesus left His heav'nly home, His face was set on Calvary.
The steepest hill He climbed alone; all this and more He did for me.
Because He died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,
Final forgiveness here is mine. So it is finished; all is well.

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Prayers of the People

This Week's Prayer Focus Karl Potts, elder

Worship: that we would be a gospel-centered church
Community: for those serving in the military
Mission: for Aaron Long, Restoration Academy, Fairfield, Alabama
All Generations: for the officers and the building committee as they make important decisions

Reading of the Scripture

Daniel 2:1-3, 24-35, 44-47

¹ In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. ² Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. ³ And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."
²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."
²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation."
²⁶ The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?"
²⁷ Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: ²⁹ To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and He who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. ³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.
³¹ "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of

exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. ⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."

Preaching of God's Word

A True Dream Jason Sterling, Sr. Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

Matthew 26:26-29

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn

No Other Plea arr. Faye López

Closing Hymns

Behold Him

He who was before there was light walked across the pages of time.
He who made every living thing. Behold Him.
He who heard humanity's cry left His throne to wake as a child.
He became like the least of us. Behold Him.

Refrain: Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion;
Oh, be still and behold Him.

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost, and the lame,
Even now He is in our midst. Behold Him.
He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,
Buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

Refrain: Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion;
Oh, be still and behold Him.
Jesus, Alpha and Omega. Our God, the risen Savior,
Oh, be still and behold Him.

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

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Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall, there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains, that my God is the Ancient of Days.

Refrain: None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands,
For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand, all the power, all the glory.
I will trust in His name, for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul, He is here with me; I am not alone.
O His love is sure, and He knows my name, for my God is the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings, I will watch and wait for the Savior King;
Then my joy complete, standing face to face in the presence of the Ancient of Days. *Refrain*

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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.

Church Officers

Ruling Elders

James Albritton	Johnny Johnson	Chris Ryan
Dicky Barlow	Chad Merrill	Andy Smith
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Brad Adair	Brent Dorner	Jeff Mutchler
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Shaun DeCoudres	David Marsh	Ed Wright
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Financial Snapshot of Faith

	Income	Anticipated Income
August 2024	\$ 391,641	\$ 370,000
YTD 2024	\$ 2,953,758	\$ 2,821,250
Percentage of Budget Remaining: 36 %		

Upcoming at Faith

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

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 Women Portraits of Hope: Join us on October 8 at 5:30 p.m. for an art viewing event at the Beverly McNeil Gallery in partnership with the Lovelady Center.

October Missions Opportunity: We need volunteers to pack meals for families in need Saturday, October 5, 9–noon.


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 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 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.