

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas — His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and heav'n be one.

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Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-2, 8-9 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom He has redeemed from trouble.

All: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of man!
For He satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

Song of Praise Satisfied

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within. *Refrain*

Refrain: Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved.
Jesus satisfies all my longings; through His blood I now am saved.

Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered ‘round me only mocked my soul’s sad cry. *Refrain*

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me. *Refrain*

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession

Psalm 31:1-2

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in Your righteousness deliver me!
Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

Hymn of Confession Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

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Offer of Forgiveness 1 Peter 1:18-19

Leader: Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing I Am Not My Own

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul.
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece,
And all that He designs will be done in me.

Refrain: I belong to the Lord — O I am not my own. I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.
I will honor Him, for this I know, I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.
The measure of my worth is His love alone.
He declares my standing, and He declares my state,
So I will know myself by the name He gave. *Refrain*

I am not my own, and now my heart is free.

O, Maker, come and make what You will of me.

There is nothing broken that You cannot repair,

So, Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Adam Shields, Director of Community

Worship: that our entire lives would be lived as worship (Romans 12:1-2)

Community: for those who work in information technology

Mission: for Andy Weatherley with Grace Church Stirchley, England

All Generations: that we as a congregation would be generous and ready to share

Reading of the Scripture Daniel 3:13-30

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king.

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the God who will deliver you out of my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²² Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵ He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants, who trusted in Him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other God who is able to rescue in this way.” ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Preaching of God's Word The Fiery Furnace Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning Mark 14:22-25

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Faye López
with Only Trust Him

Closing Hymns Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

Refrain: Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God.
Come and worship the holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God. *Refrain*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a holy God.
Only my holy God! *Refrain*

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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*

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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.

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

October Missions Registration

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Upcoming at Faith

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

October Missions Opportunity: We are looking for volunteers to pack meals at CSM working alongside Greater Shiloh Church on Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. - noon.

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.


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*

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September 22, 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.