

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent Come, Thou Almighty King (Open Our Hearts)

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Bridge: Father, now call us out of our wand'ring.
Jesus, now come and cast out our fear.
Spirit, now preach the Son to our deafness.
Open our hearts; open our hearts.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.
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Call to Worship Psalm 146:1-2, 5-6 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

All: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever.

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 Colossians 3:12-13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Prayer of Confession

Offer of Forgiveness 1 John 4:10

Leader: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers of the People This Week's Prayer Focus

Worship: that we would delight in the Word of God (Psalm 119:35)
Community: for new and expecting mothers
Mission: for Kirk Norris, RUF-I minister, Washington University in St. Louis
All Generations: that God would further His kingdom through this project

Psalm 119:33-48

Refrain: Teach me, O LORD, teach me, O LORD the way of Your statutes;
and I will keep, and I will keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

Reading of the Scripture Daniel 4:1-9; 19-37

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you! ² It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

³ How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and His dominion endures from generation to generation.

⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace.
⁵ I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me. ⁶ So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. ⁷ Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me its interpretation. ⁸ At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods—and I told him the dream, saying, ⁹ “O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation.

¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, “Belteshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation alarm you.” Belteshazzar answered and said, “My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies! ²⁰ The tree you saw, which grew and became strong, so that its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth, ²¹ whose leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which was food for all, under which beasts of the field found shade, and in whose branches the birds of the heavens lived— ²² it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth. ²³ And because the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven periods of time pass over him,’ ²⁴ this is the interpretation, O king: It is a decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king, ²⁵ that you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He will. ²⁶ And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules. ²⁷ Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

²⁸ All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?” ³¹ While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, “O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, ³² and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom He will.” ³³ Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

³⁴ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me,
and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored Him who lives forever,
for His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and His kingdom endures from generation to generation;
³ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and He does according to His will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay His hand or say to Him, “What have You done?”

³⁶ At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are right and His ways are just; and those who walk in pride He is able to humble.

Preaching of God's Word The Humbling of a King Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn Love Medley arr. Marilyn Ham

Closing Hymns King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,
Till from heaven You came running — there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Refrain: Praise the Father! Praise the Son! Praise the Spirit, three in one!
God of glory, majesty! Praise forever to the King of kings!

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff'ring You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Refrain*

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born; then; the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. *Refrain*

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood. Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. *Refrain*

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together; bring shalom. *Refrain*
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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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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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Upcoming at Faith

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

Faith Cookbook: Around the Table is available for preorder on our app or website.

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.