

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

## Gathering Music

**Song of Ascent** All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race, now ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry tongue and ev’ry tribe responsive to the call  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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**Call to Worship** Isaiah 12:2, 4b-6 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

**Leader:** Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD God is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation.

**People:** Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.

**Leader:** Sing praises to the LORD,  
for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

**All:** Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Song of Praise** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus *TH* No. 679

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Refrain:* Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. *Refrain*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Call to Confession** John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

## Prayer of Confession

**Offer of Forgiveness** Romans 5:1

**Leader:** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** We receive Your great mercy, O God!

**Hymn of Rejoicing** All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace! *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose.

And let my song forever be, "My only boast is You!" *Refrain*  
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**Prayers of the People** This Week's Prayer Focus James Albritton, elder

**Worship:** that we would be a hope-filled church (Romans 8:18-25)

**Community:** for engineers

**Mission:** for Stewart Swain, RUF Minister, University of Alabama

**All Generations:** for the architects, contractors, and others who are helping with the project

**Reading of the Scripture** Daniel 1:1-21

<sup>1</sup> In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. <sup>3</sup> Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, <sup>4</sup> youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. <sup>5</sup> The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. <sup>6</sup> Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. <sup>7</sup> And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

<sup>8</sup> But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. <sup>9</sup> And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, <sup>10</sup> and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king." <sup>11</sup> Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>12</sup> "Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see." <sup>14</sup> So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. <sup>15</sup> At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. <sup>16</sup> So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

<sup>17</sup> As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. <sup>18</sup> At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup> And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. <sup>20</sup> And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers that were in all his kingdom. <sup>21</sup> And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

**Preaching of God's Word** Living Faithfully in the World Jason Sterling, Sr. 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

## Distribution of the Elements

**Communion Hymn** Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. Lloyd Larson

**Closing Hymns** 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*  
Songwriters: Jesse Reeves / Michael Farren / Rich Thompson / Jonny Robinson. Ancient of Days lyrics © Farren Love And War Publishing, Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Cityalight Music.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Trinity Hymnal* No. 32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

## 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*


  
**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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## Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at [faith-pca.org](http://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.

**FSM Fall Retreat:** Registration is open to Jr&SrHi students for FSM Fall Retreat on November 22–24.

**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.

## 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.