

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent	Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery
<p>Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King; He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.</p>	
<p>Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He, the perfect Son of Man; In His living, in His suff’ring, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.</p>	

<p>Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree; In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold, Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.</p>	
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<p>Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life; But no grave could e’er restrain Him. Praise the Lord! He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope, Christ, in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.</p>	
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Call to Worship	Psalm 138:1-2a, 4-5	Jamie Peterson, Assistant Pastor
Leader:	I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.	
All:	All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.	

Song of Praise	Holy, Holy, Holy!	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> No. 100
<p>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!</p>		
<p>Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.</p>		
<p>Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.</p>		
<p>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!</p>		

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession	Romans 12:9-10
<p>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.</p>	

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, forgive us for not reflecting Your heart of compassion to a broken and love-starved world. While our lips agree with Your command to walk in love, our hearts often reject it, making little effort to find real, tangible ways to serve one another. We have proved to be devoted to our own honor, failing to celebrate what is honorable in others. Have mercy on us and make us more like Jesus, hating the evil of selfishness and holding to the good of love. We cling to Christ, our mighty Savior and perfect righteousness. May He increase, as we decrease. We pray this in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness	Hebrews 7:25
Leader:	He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
All:	We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing	Before the Throne of God Above
<p>Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea, A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart. I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart; No tongue can bid me thence depart.</p>	

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free. For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

<p>Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, With Christ, my Savior and my God.</p>	
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Prayers of the People	This Week’s Prayer Focus	John Benner, elder
Worship:	that we would be led by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18)	
Community:	for those who work in the legal field	
Mission:	for Amy Hudson Kesler with RUF Campus Staff, University of Alabama at Birmingham	
All Generations:	for the officers and the building committee as they make decisions	

Reading of the Scripture	Daniel 6:1-28
<p>¹ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; ² and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³ Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. ⁵ Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.” ⁶ Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction. ¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³ Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”</p>	

¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: “Peace be multiplied to you. ²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal

dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and His dominion shall be to the end. ²⁷ He delivers and rescues; He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, He who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

²⁸ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Preaching of God's Word	The Lions’ Den	Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor
Confession of Faith		The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning	Mark 14:22-25
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Distribution of the Elements	

Communion Hymn	Instrumental
Closing Hymns	Fairest Lord Jesus
<p>Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O, thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.</p>	
<p>Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.</p>	

<p>Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.</p>	
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	Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him. Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing; I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood. Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good. But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need. I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way. One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name. But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war. And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city; where beside the King I walk. For there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul; for His love is my reward. Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.

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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.

Church Officers

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James Albritton	Johnny Johnson	Chris Ryan
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Financial Snapshot of Faith

	Income	Anticipated Income
September 2024	\$ 511,996	\$ 370,000
YTD 2024	\$ 3,465,754	\$ 3,191,250
Percentage of Budget Remaining: 25 %		

Upcoming at Faith

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

Faith Cookbook: Reserve your copy of *Around the Table* by this Wednesday, October 16.

Parking: If possible, please continue to use our shuttle system as we lose more parking spots.

The Gray Havens Concert: Reserve your tickets for a concert at Faith on October 24.


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 elemen-
 tary–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.