

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent

God So Loved

Come, all you weary. Come, all you thirsty.

Come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.

Come, all you sinners. Come find His mercy.

Come to the table; He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking for.

Refrain: For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures. Bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

Refrain: For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell forever defeated, Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bridge: Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.

Ending: Bring all your failures. Bring your addictions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

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Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
All: For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

Song of Praise

How Marvelous

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene;

And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned and unclean.

Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be. How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own, And bore the burden to Calv'ry and suffered and died alone. *Refrain*

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see, 'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me. *Refrain*
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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession

Romans 12:11-12

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, we confess our hearts have been zealous for temporal and worldly ambitions: our bank account, our career paths, our hobbies. In the meanwhile, we find ourselves cold and detached from the good work of building Your kingdom. We are passionate for our own small, fading kingdoms, placing them above Your supreme, everlasting kingdom. Forgive our lack of faith and lack of heart for Your name. We return to Jesus, as only His precious blood can wash our sins away. Set our hearts ablaze to seek Your glory in everything we do. Give us the patience to endure when service to Your kingdom meets trials, and supply us the grace to remain constant in prayer that we may fervently live for eternal things. We pray this in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness

1 Timothy 1:15a

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing

God Is for Us

We won't fear the battle; we won't fear the night.

We will walk the valley with You by our side.

You will go before us; You will lead the way.

We have found a refuge; only You can save. *Refrain*

Refrain: Sing with joy now; our God is for us. The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress! Raise your voice now; no love is greater! Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,

Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.

You will not abandon; You will not forsake.

You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace! *Refrain*

Bridge: Neither height nor depth can separate us. Hell and death will not defeat us.

He who gave His Son to free us holds me in His love.

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Prayers of the People

Patrick Bush, Faith Student Ministries Director

Worship: that our entire lives would be lived as worship (Romans 12:1-2)
Community: for those working as artists and designers
Mission: for Tyler Majors, RUF minister, Jacksonville State University
All Generations: that we as a congregation would be generous and ready to share

Lord's Prayer

Reading of the Scripture

Daniel 7:1-28

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. ² Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴ The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. ⁵ And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' ⁶ After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. ⁹ "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹ "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a Son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

¹⁴ And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵ "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷ "These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

¹⁹ "Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, ²⁰ and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. ²¹ As I looked, this horn

made war with the saints and prevailed over them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

²³ "Thus he said: 'As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces. ²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings. He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; His kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' ²⁸ "Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart."

Preaching of God's Word

The Ancient of Days

Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

Luke 22:14-20

And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Mary McDonald

Closing Hymns

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown, Of pardon, life, and joy and peace in Thy beloved Son.

Refrain: Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Savior's bounty taste; Behold a never-failing store for ev'ry willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, dear Source of ev'ry good; Jesus, in Thee what glories shine! How rich Thy flowing blood! *Refrain*

Here shall your num'rous wants receive a free, a full supply; He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die. *Refrain*
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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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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.

Officer Nominations: Nominations for the offices of elder or deacon can be submitted beginning this Sunday, October 20, through November 10. Nomination forms are available at any of our welcome desks.

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

FSM Fall Retreat: Registration for FSM’s Fall Retreat closes November 1.


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.