

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent The Church’s One Foundation arr. Dan Forrest
(Tune: AURELIA, Samuel Wesley, 1864. Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1866.)

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace ended.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Congregation joins: Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Call to Worship Psalm 91:1-2 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
All: I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Song of Praise A Might Fortress Is Our God arr. David Shipps
(Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1529; based on Psalm 46)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and pow’r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession Romans 12:14-16

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Prayer of Confession

Offer of Forgiveness Isaiah 44:22

Leader: I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist; return to Me, for I have redeemed you.
All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer: Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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Missionary Report Lizzy Cary, MTW Bulgaria

Prayers of the People Prayer Focus Johnny Johnson, Missions Director

Worship: that we would glorify God and enjoy Him (Psalm 34:1-3,8)
Community: for those working in sales
Mission: for Lizzy Cary and Katterine and Taylor Dix with MTW, Bulgaria
All Generations: that God would further His kingdom through this project

Reading of the Scripture Daniel 8:1-27

¹ In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. ² And I saw in the vision; and when I saw, I was in Susa the citadel, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision, and I was at the Ulai canal. ³ I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. ⁴ I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward. No beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great. ⁵ As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. ⁶ He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful wrath. ⁷ I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power. ⁸ Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

⁹ Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land. ¹⁰ It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them. ¹¹ It became great, even as great as the Prince of the host. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. ¹² And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper. ¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, “For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?” ¹⁴ And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state.”

¹⁵ When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.” ¹⁷ So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, “Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.”

¹⁸ And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. ¹⁹ He said, “Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. ²⁰ As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. ²² As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power. ²³ And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. ²⁴ His power shall be great—but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. ²⁵ By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. ²⁶ The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.”

²⁷ And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

Preaching of God's Word The Dream of the Ram and Goat Jason Sterling, Sr. Pastor

Musical Offering At the Name of Jesus Lloyd Larson
(Incorporating CORONATION. Text: Edward Perronet, 1779)

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
Ev’ry tongue confess Him King of glory now;
’Tis the Father’s pleasure that we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it, spotless to the end,
Brought it back victorious, Jesus, Savior, Friend.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown Him King of glory in temptation’s hour;
And let His will enfold you in its light and pow’r.

All hail the pow’r 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!

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
And ev’ry tongue confess Him King of glory now!
Crown Him Lord of all!

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Closing Hymns Come unto Jesus

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary; come to the mercy seat; fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded heart, broken and needy. Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying, hope of the penitent, peace in our strife;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "My yoke is easy; My burden is light."

Refrain: Come unto Jesus; come unto Jesus. Lay down your burdens; He is enough.
Come unto Jesus; rest in His love.

Come, taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners. Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters. Grace overflowing is yours evermore. *Refrain*

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking. All that was gained count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading. Come unto Jesus, and take up your cross.

Come unto Jesus, and take up your cross. Life everlasting He offers to us. *Refrain*
Songwriters: Laura Mixon Story / Jordan Kauffin / Matthew Sherman Merker. Come Unto Jesus lyrics © Getty Music Publishing, Matthew Merker Music, Jordan Kauffin Music, Getty Music Hymns And Songs, Laura's Stories And Songs

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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).

Thanksgiving Service information

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Upcoming at Faith

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

Thanksgiving Service: You're invited to our annual Thanksgiving meal and service on November 17, 5–7 p.m.

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

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.

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.