

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent Jesus, Strong and Kind Kids' choir 11:00

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy. I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength. I should come to Him.

Refrain: For the Lord is good and faithful.
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him. *Refrain*

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.
And He showed me on that cross. He will come to me. *Refrain*

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Call to Worship Psalm 111:1-5 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.
All: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

Song of Praise 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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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession Psalm 32:2-4

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Prayer of Confession

Father, we bring the secrets we have kept in the darkness into the light of Your presence. Our hidden sins weigh heavily upon us, leaving us anxious, fearful, and lonely. Our guilt and shame are too much to bear, and we need a rescuing that only Jesus can provide. We confess our transgressions — our pride, coveting, ingratitude, and our shocking indifference to the well-being of our neighbors. O Lord, be merciful and remind us of Your abounding grace in this moment. Thank You that because of the cross, You do not count our sins against us. Sanctify us that we may bear fruit for Your glory, and may we continually walk in the light, as You are in the light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness Psalm 32:5

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every tree on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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Sacrament of Baptism Elna Faye Helms 8:15

William Sheppard McEwen
Boone Bradford Merry

John Michael Frederick Moran 11:00

Prayers of the People This Week's Prayer Focus

Worship: that we walk with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience (Colossians 3:12)

Community: for parents of our congregation

Mission: for Josh and Elizabeth Johnson with Mission to the World, Honduras

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

Reading of the Scripture Daniel 5:1-9; 17-31

¹ King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

² Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. ³ Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

⁵ Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. ⁶ Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. ⁷ The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."⁸ ⁸ Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. ¹⁸ O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty.

¹⁹ And because of the greatness that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. ²¹ He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom He will. ²² And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, ²³ but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of His house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

²⁴ "Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed.

²⁵ And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. ²⁶ This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; ²⁷ Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found

wanting; ²⁸ Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."²⁹ Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. ³¹ And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Preaching of God's Word The Handwriting on the Wall Jason Sterling, Sr. Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning Matthew 26:26-29

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Parents as you leave the Lord's supper station, you may take a tambourine for your child(ren) for our closing song.

Communion Hymn Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners arr. Faye López

Closing Hymns Grace Will Prevail

Grace will prevail, though the darkness is strong
And the burden weighs heavy and long.
Grace will prevail, for our God is the Light.
Rending the cover of night, grace will prevail.

Grace will prevail in the valleys of shame,
Where the echoes of failure remain.
Grace will prevail with the cry to the Lord.
There's a mountain of mercy in store; grace will prevail.

Refrain: Wait for the Lord, our God. Wait for the Lord, our God.
Wait for the Lord, our rest and reward and our peace.

Grace will prevail through the wreckage and storm
And the brokenness washed on the shore.
Grace will prevail though an ocean we cry.

He is with us and weeps by our side
'Til the day they forever run dry! *Refrain*

Bridge: Take heart! He has overcome the world!
He has overcome! *Refrain*

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O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go; I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain. That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.
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Benediction and 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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To All

*who desire to worship and pray;
 To all who are seeking and desire to find;
 To all who are searching and want to know;
 To all who sin and need a Savior;
 To all who are wayward and need a Lord;
 To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
 To all who mourn and long for comfort;
 To all who struggle and desire freedom;
 To all who are lonely or strangers and want fellowship;
 To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
 And to whosoever will come,
 Faith Presbyterian Church offers welcome
 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Upcoming at Faith

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

Foundations of Faith: Our first of four membership classes will meet this morning from 9:45–10:45 in the sanctuary.

Faith Women Portraits of Hope: Join us this Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for an art viewing event at the Beverly McNeil Gallery in partnership with the Lovelady Center.

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


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.