

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent Come, Thou Fount *Trinity Hymnal* No. 457

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Call to Worship Psalm 145:1-3, 8, 21 Jamie Peterson, Assistant Pastor

Leader: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
All: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

Song of Praise Run and Run

Run and run, the law demands, but gives me neither feet nor hands.
Better news the gospel brings — it bids me fly; it gives me wings.

Bearing shame and all my sin, there in my place He stood condemned.
Here I stand, now justified — my guilt is His; His grace is mine.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord!
Now and forevermore my heart confess: Christ is all my righteousness.

My accuser, he may roar, of countless sins that I have done.
These I know and thousands more — behold my God! He knows not one.

When I stand before the throne, there dressed in beauty not my own,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know, not 'til that day how much I owe. *Refrain*
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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Prayer of Confession *The Book of Common Prayer*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness Titus 3:5-7

Leader: He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain: He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died. Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last. *Refrain*
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Prayers of the People Bradley Moore, elder

Worship: for grateful hearts (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
Community: for those who feel lonely and isolated
Mission: for Community House Damaris – AMG International, Greece
All Generations: that God would further His kingdom through this project

Reading of the Scripture Daniel 11:1-6, 21-35, 36-39, 44-45

¹ "And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.
² "And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. ³ Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills. ⁴ And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.
⁵ "Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority. ⁶ After some years they shall make an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he and his arm shall not endure, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times.
²¹ In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.
²² Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant. ²³ And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people. ²⁴ Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time. ²⁵ And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him. ²⁶ Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain. ²⁷ And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed. ²⁸ And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he shall work his will and return to his own land.

²⁹ "At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. ³⁰ For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant. ³¹ Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. ³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. ³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. ³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, ³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

³⁶ "And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. ³⁷ He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸ He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. ³⁹ He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who

acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price.
⁴⁴ But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. ⁴⁵ And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.

Preaching of God's Word Wars and Rumors of Wars Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn Loving Savior arr. Faye López

Closing Hymns Rock of Ages to the End

Should the mountains fall before us, should they crumble to the waves,
What can be my mighty fortress when the world erodes away?

Should the nations rage with anger, should their wars invade my home,
Where does peace run like a river when the violence only grows?

Refrain: You are faithful, ever faithful, as the stars will shine again.
You are faithful, ever faithful,
Rock of Ages to the end. Rock of Ages to the end.

Should the markets dive and shatter, leaving fear of not enough,
Where's my daily bread and water when my riches turn to dust?

Should depression veil the sunshine, leaving tears my only bread,
Where is hope to pierce the gray sky when the darkness sees no end?

You're the mountain, never quaking; Yours the kingdom, never moved.
You're my treasure, never fading, ever working all for good.

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Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain: Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain.
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *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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To serve, to give, or if you have questions about missions, please contact Johnny Johnson (jjohnson@faith-pca.org).

Women's Christmas Dinner Sign up

Scan this QR code:



Upcoming at Faith

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

The church office will be closed this Thanksgiving week for a scheduled power outage.

Women's Christmas Dinner: RSVP by this Thursday for a special Christmas dinner at the church in partnership with Grace House on December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Hymn Sing: Join us for a Christmas Hymn Sing at the church on Sunday evening, December 15.

Smart Giving Conference: Register for a Smart Giving Workshop, provided by the PCA Foundation, on January 11.


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



MOSAIC
Room 168
*Singles and married
couples in their
late 20s to early 30s*



CORNERSTONE
Room 145
*Parents of older elemen-
tary-junior high students;
singles and couples in
their late 30s or 40s*



GENESIS
Room 101
*Singles and married
couples in their
early 20s*



COVENANT
Room 144
*Singles and married couples
with or without young
children in their late 20s to
mid 30s*


CROSSROADS
(across Buckton Road)
*Parents of senior high
and college students;
singles and couples
primarily in their mid 40s
or 50s*


TAPESTRY
Room 103
*Singles and couples
primarily in their late 60s,
70s, or 80s*


EXODUS
Room 102
*Singles and married
couples in their
mid 20s to early 30s*


COMMON GROUND
Room 104
*Parents of early elementary-
age children; singles and
couples in their mid 30s to
mid 40s*


SOJOURNERS
Room 214
*Parents of adult children;
singles and couples
primarily in their late 50s
or 60s*

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November 24, 2024

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.