

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

<b>Song of Ascent</b>	Jesus Is Alive
There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days, For the One who once was buried lives again. Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away. Praise the risen One who overcame the grave.	
All you brokenhearted, all you worn and weak, Come find living water, everlasting streams. To the wand'ring spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more, Find the risen King who overcomes the world.	
<i>Refrain:</i> Let there be dancing in the darkness, and let our song break through the night. Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is alive.	
No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear, For our sin and shame, they have no power here. In His resurrection perfect love has set the captives free. Praise the risen King, who stands in victory! <i>Refrain</i>	
<i>Bridge:</i> Hallelujah! Death is undone! Hallelujah! Jesus has won! Hallelujah! We overcome! Oh, in Jesus, oh, in Jesus.	
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<b>Call to Worship</b>	Psalms 100:1-5	Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor
<b>Leader:</b> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!		
<b>People:</b> Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.		
<b>Leader:</b> Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!		
<b>All:</b> For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.		

<b>Song of Praise</b>	I Will Sing
With my mouth I will tell of Your faithfulness. I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.	
<i>Refrain:</i> I will sing of the Lord's great love forever. I will sing of the Lord's great love. I will sing of the Lord's great love forever. I will sing, O I will sing.	
Lord, You are the glory of all our strength, Your presence along the way for all our days.	
<i>Bridge:</i> O Lord God Almighty, who is like You? O Lord God Almighty, none beside You; O Lord God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.	
<small>Leslie Jordan   Sandra McCracken. Integrity Worship Music; Integrity's Praise! Music; Little Way Creative; Paper News Publishing.</small>	

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

<b>Call to Confession</b>	Exodus 20:2, 13-15
I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. . . . You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.	
	New City Catechism
<b>Question 11.</b> What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments? <b>Answer.</b> Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.	

<b>Prayer of Confession</b>	
Merciful God, Your holy Law exposes the darkness in our hearts. We see within us the presence of hatred and harmful thoughts. We have casually entertained sexually immoral desires, and we are guilty of taking and withholding good from others. Father, we fall so short of Your perfections, and apart from Christ, we deserve Your just wrath. Have mercy on us. We cast our eyes to Calvary, where Jesus paid for these sins. Restore us and rid us of our wickedness. Help us to walk in the Spirit, abiding in Your word and seeking the way of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

<b>Offer of Forgiveness</b>	Romans 5:20-21
<b>Leader:</b> Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.	
<b>All:</b> We receive Your great mercy, O God!	

<b>Hymn of Rejoicing</b>	Man of Sorrows
Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed; The sin of man and wrath of God have been on Jesus laid. Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned, Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.	
<i>Refrain:</i> O that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me, Now my soul cries out hallelujah; praise and honor unto Thee.	
Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.	
<i>Bridge:</i> Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled. Now the curse of sin has no hold on me. Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.	

See the stone is rolled away: behold the empty tomb! Hallelujah! God be praised! He's risen from the grave!	
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<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Karl Potts, elder
<b>Worship:</b> for hearts that are quick to repent (2 Corinthians 7:10) <b>Community:</b> for our Grace Groups <b>Mission:</b> for Sav-A-Life – Shelby County <b>All Generations:</b> for our session and diaconate, leadership and wisdom in making decisions	

<b>Reading of the Scripture</b>	Luke 10:38-42
<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."	

<b>Preaching of God's Word</b>	Hospitality at the Home of Mary and Martha	Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor
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<b>Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning</b>	
<b>Leader:</b> That the Lord Jesus Christ on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, gave it to His disciples, as I, ministering in His name, give this bread to you, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner, He also took the cup, and having given thanks as has been done in His name, He gave it to the disciples, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Drink from it, all of you." The Lord be with you.	
<b>People:</b> And also with you.	
<b>Leader:</b> Lift up your hearts!	
<b>People:</b> We lift them up to the Lord.	
<b>Leader:</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<b>People:</b> It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	
<b>Leader:</b> Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.	
<b>People:</b> Hallelujah! Let us keep the feast.	
<b>Leader:</b> The gifts of God for the people of God.	
<b>All:</b> Thanks be to God!	

<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>Distribution of the Elements</b>		
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	Merciful	arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
<b>Closing Hymns</b>	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*

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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<b>Doxology</b>
<b>Benediction</b>
<b>Sending</b>

<b>Partaking of the Lord's Supper at Faith</b>
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](mailto:jjohnson@faith-pca.org)).

## Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at [faith-pca.org](http://faith-pca.org) or on the Faith PCA app.

**Congregational Meeting:** The session has called a congregational meeting next Sunday, January 26, at 10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary to receive our 2025 Ministry and Vision Budget. An informational meeting for questions about the 2025 budget will be hosted this afternoon at 4:45 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

**Foundations of Faith:** Register for our next membership classes on January 26 and February 2, 9, and 16.

**Women's Winter Warm-Up:** Register for our in-town retreat at the church February 7 and 8.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20.**


## 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*

## A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

January 19, 2025

### 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.