

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Choral Song of Ascent

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Craig Courtney

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Call to Worship

Psalms 99:1-5

Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: The LORD reigns;
let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
He is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise Your great and awesome name!
Holy is He!

People: The King in His might loves justice.
You have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at His footstool!
Holy is He!

Song of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Trinity Hymnal No. 100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:2, 16-17

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. . . . You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.

New City Catechism

Question 12. What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?
Answer. Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Father, we often think we do enough to satisfy Your commands. Yet one look into our hearts reveals that we are lawbreakers in every way. Our covetous desires have led us into all kinds of idolatry, immorality, self-righteousness, envy, and dishonesty. Your Word says love is the fulfillment of the law, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thank You there is still good news: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom we are the worst. Have mercy on us and forgive us. By Your Spirit, renew us that we may delight in Your will and faithfully obey all Your commandments, for the glory of Your name. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing

His Mercy Is More

Refrain: Praise the Lord; His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. *Refrain*

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Introduction of Youth Communicants

8:15 Owen Patrick Bush; Griffin Stuart Conley; Lilla Katherine DeCoudres;
James Worth Kelly; Elizabeth Claire Osborne; James Roudly Vest;
William Roudley Vest

11:00 Grace Anne Marsh; Brett Hudson Reebals; Evan Cristine Reebals

Sacrament of Baptism

Elizabeth Claire Osborne

(8:15)

Prayers of the People

Steve Hood, FaithKids Director

Worship: that we would clothe ourselves with humility (1 Peter 5:5b-6)
Community: for our communicants
Mission: for GriefShare – Grief & Loss Support Groups
All Generations: that we as a congregation would be generous and ready to share

Reading of the Scripture

Luke 11:37-44

³⁷ While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked Him to dine with Him, so He went in and reclined at table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was astonished to see that He did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you. ⁴² “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe the mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it.”

Preaching of God's Word

Inside Out

Jamie Peterson, Asst. Pastor

Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

Matthew 26:26-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn

Bread of Life

arr. Faye López

Closing Hymns

Bountifully with Me

I will sing my praise to the Lord, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.
I will sing my praise with joy, give thanks, rejoice.
He has dealt bountifully with me.

I will trust God’s love never fails, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.
I will trust God’s love remains through sun and the rain.
He has dealt bountifully with me.

I will fix my hope on the cross, where the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.
I will fix my hope on the Son, His scars, His love.
He has dealt bountifully with me.

I can’t wait for the day He returns, when the Lord will deal bountifully with me.
What a day when the faith will be sight, every wrong be made right.
He has dealt bountifully with me.

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood. Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. *Refrain*

Ev’ry vow we’ve broken and betrayed. You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together; bring shalom. *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.

Mission Partners

Global Missions

Alex and Maggie Halbert — *Mission to the World, Honduras*
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Andy Weatherly — *Grace Church Stirchley, England*
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Kirk Norris — *RUF-I Minister, Washington University in St. Louis*
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Stewart Swain — *RUF Minister, University of Alabama*
Tanner Crum — *RUF Minister, Auburn University*
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Aaron Long — *Restoration Academy, Fairfield, Alabama*
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Restoration Academy — *Fairfield, Alabama*
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Stephen Merwin — *RUF-I Minister, University of Alabama at Birmingham*
Tyler Harris — *Unbound Grace, Addiction Counseling*
Urban Hope Development — *Fairfield, Alabama*
Young Life — *Birmingham South (Shelby County)*

To serve, to give, or if you have questions about missions, please contact Johnny Johnson (jjohnson@faith-pca.org).

Upcoming at Faith

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

Congregational Meeting: The session has called a congregational meeting this morning at 10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary to receive our 2025 Ministry and Vision Budget.

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

Missions Conference: Save the date for our Missions Conference, February 21–23. More details are coming soon.


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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January 26, 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.