

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

**Song of Ascent** 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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**Call to Worship** Psalm 103:1-4 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor  
**Leader:** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,  
**All:** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**Song of Praise** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Trinity Hymnal* No. 53  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?  
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him. o'er the grave. *Refrain*  
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## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Call to Confession** Exodus 20:2-7  
"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.  
"You shall have no other gods before Me.  
"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that

is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

New City Catechism

Question 9. What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?  
Answer: First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also His Word and works.

## Prayer of Confession

**Offer of Forgiveness** Romans 3:21-22  
**Leader:** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**All:** We receive Your great mercy, O God!

## Hymn of Rejoicing

 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Introduction of New Members

**8:15**  
Matt Blick, Mary Elaine Bridges, Nate Burrow, Erin Carland, Harry Cloud, Maggie Crow, Davis Deimund, Patrick Delaney, Meredyth Delaney, Becca Dennis, Morgan Dunn, Kate Gunn, Ben Handley, Arden Hinds, Bode Hinds, Jason Johnson, Andee Johnson, Amanda Jones, Ben Jones, Sally Martin, Jake Martin, David Meinberg, Melissa Osborne, Madelyn Osborne, Josh Osborne, Tanner Parsons, Haden Powell, Jack Simmons, Chris Simpson, Ruth Snow, Chuck Snow, Betsy Walker, Anna Grace Wesson, Mackenzie Williams, Richard Williamson, Jackie Wright, Linda Wright

**11:00**  
Will Clark, William Clark, Naomi Clark, Laura Clark, Kim Fulcher, Robert Fulcher, Mimi Duke, Danny Duke, Monty Horn, Sadler McKeen, Najie' Mutchler, Chip Nation, Lori Nation, Quin Nation, Corbin Peterson, Davis Peterson, Luke Schultz, Matt Stokes, Lori Stokes, Jack Stokes, Ali Tutak, Kevin Wilson, Carole Wilson, Caleb Woods

**Prayers of the People** Adam Shields, Director of Community  
**Worship:** for God's Word to bear fruit in our lives (Psalm 1:1-3)  
**Community:** for students and teachers returning to school  
**Mission:** Keisuke and Bethany Idota – Presbyterian Mission International, Japan  
**All Generations:** that God would further His kingdom through this project

**Reading of the Scripture** Luke 5:27-39  
<sup>27</sup> After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me."<sup>28</sup> And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.<sup>29</sup> And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.<sup>30</sup> And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"<sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."<sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.<sup>33</sup> And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink."<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?<sup>35</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."<sup>36</sup> He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old."<sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled,

and the skins will be destroyed.<sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.<sup>39</sup> And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"

**Preaching of God's Word** Feasting at Levi's House Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

**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** I Will Sing of My Redeemer arr. Anna Laura Page

**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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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## Benediction

## Sending

## Church Staff

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Facilities Manager

### SUNDAY SUPPORT

**David Crabtree**  
Technical Director

**Ruth Baldwin**  
Pianist


## 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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## Upcoming at Faith

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

**Smart Giving Workshop:** Register for a Smart Giving Workshop, provided by the PCA Foundation, this Saturday, January 11, from 5–7 p.m.

**Women's Winter Warm-Up:** Save the date for our in-town retreat at the church on February 7–8.

**Missions Conference:** Save the date for our upcoming Missions Conference on February 21–23.