

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent O for a Thousand Tongues / And Can It Be

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin; He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He speaks, and, listening to His voice, new life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.
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Call to Worship From Psalm 9 Adam Shields, Director of Community

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know Your name put their trust in You,
for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples His deeds!

Song of Praise God Is for Us

We won't fear the battle; we won't fear the night.
We will walk the valley with You by our side.
You will go before us; You will lead the way.
We have found a refuge; only You can save. *Refrain*

Refrain: Sing with joy now; our God is for us.
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress!
Raise your voice now; no love is greater!
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.
You will not abandon; You will not forsake.
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace! *Refrain*

Bridge: Neither height nor depth can separate us. Hell and death will not defeat us.
He who gave His Son to free us holds me in His love.

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession 2 Timothy 2:22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Prayer of Confession adapted from Johann Gerhard

Blessed Christ, we fly to You for refuge, our only Redeemer and Savior. Our sins are great, but greater still is the payment You have made for them. Our wickedness calls for our condemnation, but Your holy and righteous life pleads more powerfully still for our salvation. Jesus, thank You that Your holy merit intervenes between us and Your just sentence. Have mercy on us and turn our stony hearts back to You. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness Galatians 3:13

Leader: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us
— for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord our God!
O praise His name forevermore!
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
O Lord, O Lord, our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King!
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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Chris Ryan, elder

Worship: that we would hide God's word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11)
Community: for those working as mechanics, electricians, and plumbers
Mission: for the mission team serving in Birmingham, England (Johnny and Annette Johnson, Hal and Suzan Bishop, Margaret Dodson, and Mackenzie Williams)
All Generations: for the new building to be a welcoming space for people to come to know Christ

Reading of the Scripture Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Preaching of God's Word Peace with God Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.
People: Hallelujah! Let us keep the feast.
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn My Redeemer arr. Faye López

Closing Hymns 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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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Doxology

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.

Note for Children: Children 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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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 on Sunday, April 12, at 10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary to elect elders and deacons.

Sanctuary Dedication: We are excited to announce our Sanctuary Dedication Service on Sunday, March 29, at 5 p.m. Our first Sunday in the new sanctuary will be Easter Sunday.

Men's Retreat: Register now for our men's retreat, April 17–19.

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 215
7th-12th graders


COLLEGE
Room 159
College-age students


GENESIS
Room 152
*Singles and married
couples in their
early 20s*


EXODUS
Room 169
*Singles and married
couples in their
mid 20s to early 30s*


MOSAIC
Room 136
*Singles and married
couples in their
late 20s to early 30s*


COVENANT
Room 133
*Singles and married couples
with or without young
children in their late 20s to
mid 30s*


COMMON GROUND
Room 155
*Parents of early elementary-
age children; singles and
couples in their mid 30s to
mid 40s*


CORNERSTONE
Room 134
*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 167
*Parents of adult children;
singles and couples
primarily in their late 50s
or 60s*


TAPESTRY
Room 153
*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 at 9:45 a.m. The Children's Ministry check-in is in the new building on the first floor. Please follow the signs.

Nursery

For children birth - 4 years old, nursery is provided for both worship services and during Kingdom Communities. Check-in is available in the new building on the first floor. Please follow the signs.