

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

## Welcome

**Song of Ascent** Come, Thou Fount *Trinity Hymnal (TH)* 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 66:1-5, 8 Chris Duncan, pastoral intern

**Leader:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of His name;  
give to Him glorious praise!

**People:** Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!  
So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

**Leader:** All the earth worships You  
and sings praises to You;  
they sing praises to Your name.”

**All:** Come and see what God has done:  
He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.  
Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of His praise be heard.

**Song of Praise** How Firm a Foundation *TH* No. 94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Call to Confession** 1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

## Prayer of Confession

Father, You have been holy from all eternity. We have been sinful from our birth. You are faithful to Your word. We are guilty of hypocrisy. Forgive us for walking in the ways of darkness while proclaiming to walk with You. We repent for remaining in the shadows of our sin, and we take a step now into Your light, longing for grace and renewed fellowship with You and one another. We hope in the precious blood of Christ, shed for our complete forgiveness. By Your Spirit, help us hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Offer of Forgiveness** Lamentations 3:22

**Leader:** The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
His mercies never come to an end.

**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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## Sacrament of Baptism

**8:15** John Warren Bumpas; Oakley Mae Mann; David Cameron Patterson;  
John Blake Sly

**11:00** Calloway Holland Alexander; Dorothy Elizabeth Alexander, Grace Lila Bracher;  
Barrett Thomas Hice; Carter Kennedy Peck; Dean Bailey Sturdivant

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** Randy Pigg, elder

**Worship:** for Christ to be our greatest treasure (Philippians 3:7-8)

**Community:** for the widows and widowers in our congregation

**Mission:** for Community House Damaris, AMG International, Greece

**All Generations:** for unity as a congregation as we work together in this building  
campaign

**Reading of the Scripture** Romans 5:12-21

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—<sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

<sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Preaching of God's Word** Much More 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** Grace Greater than Our Sin arr. Lloyd Larson

**Closing Hymns** Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown,  
Of pardon, life, and joy and peace in Thy beloved Son.

*Refrain:* Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, the Savior’s bounty taste;  
Behold a never-failing store for ev’ry willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine, dear Source of ev’ry good;  
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine! How rich Thy flowing blood! *Refrain*

Here shall your num’rous wants receive a free, a full supply;  
He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die. *Refrain*  
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Yet Not I but through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid,  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea,  
Oh the chains are released; I can sing, “I am free!”  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With ev’ry breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,  
“Yet not I but through Christ in me.”

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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.

**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.

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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.

**Easter at Faith:** Join us for our Good Friday service at 6 p.m. and our Easter Sunday services at 8:30 and 10 a.m. *in the new building!*

**Sanctuary Dedication:** We look forward to our Sanctuary Dedication Service next 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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March 22, 2026

### 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.