

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King; He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He, the perfect Son of Man; In His living, in His suff’ring, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life; But no grave could e’er restrain Him. Praise the Lord! He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope, Christ, in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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Call to Worship Psalm 117:1-2 Patrick Bush, FSM Director

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!

All: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

Song of Praise This Is My Father’s World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas — His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and heav'n be one.

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession Isaiah 1:16-17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before My eyes; cease to do evil,
learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful Father, thank You that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our selfishness, our pride, and our lust. Lord, we deserve to be consumed by Your just wrath. Yet, in Christ, Your grace still abounds over us. Holy Spirit, help us live in light of Your great mercies. Change us, that we may walk humbly with You and follow in all Your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness Isaiah 1:18

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer: Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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Missionary Reports

8:15 Taylor and Katherine Dix, Mission to the World, Bulgaria
Kirk and Anna Norris, RUF International, Washington University, St. Louis

11:00 Herbie Newell, Lifeline Children’s Services
Brad Owens, RUF, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Ben Griffith, RUF, Samford University

Prayers of the People Johnny Johnson, Missions Director

Worship: that we would love our neighbors as ourselves (1 John 4:21)

Community: for the peace and prosperity of Birmingham

Mission: for the visiting missionaries here for Missions Conference

All Generations: that God would be glorified in this church for generations to come

Reading of the Scripture Genesis 12:1-3

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Preaching of God's Word Set Apart to Be a Blessing Alex Sarran

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. Lloyd Larson

Closing Hymns The Church’s One Foundation *Trinity Hymnal* No. 347

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,
Till from heaven You came running — there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Refrain: Praise the Father! Praise the Son!

Praise the Spirit, three in one!

God of glory, majesty!

Praise forever to the King of kings!

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff’ring You saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Refrain*

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born; then the Spirit lit the flame.

Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,

For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *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.

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.

2026 Mission Conference Guests

Alex Sarran is an ordained Teaching Elder in the PCA. He and his wife, Suzanne, have been involved in church planting ministry in Lyon, France, for over 20 years. Alex also serves as Vice President of the Reformed Seminary in Aix-en-Provence.

Katherine and Taylor Dix currently serve in Sofia, Bulgaria, with the MTW church-planting team. They will soon be moving into a Roma neighborhood to plant a church and help revitalize a children's ministry.

Sarah Esther Merry has been a part of Faith Presbyterian since her family joined in 2017. She has long felt the Lord's call to spread the gospel using her artistic abilities and is hoping to join the MTW team in Bangkok, Thailand, soon.

Kirk and Anna Norris: After Kirk graduated from Covenant Seminary, they moved to Lviv, Ukraine, to lead an RUF student ministry with an MTW church-planting team. In 2022, the Norris family moved to St. Louis to start RUF-International at WashU.

Herbie Newell leads Lifeline Children's Services, a gospel-centered ministry serving vulnerable children and families through adoption, foster care, counseling, and global orphan care. He is the author of *Image Bearers: Shifting from Pro-Birth to Pro-Life*.

Brad Owens is the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary and was the Associate Pastor at Blythewood Presbyterian Church before stepping into ministry with RUF in 2022.

Amy Hudson Kesler is a graduate of Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia. Her first missionary experience was teaching missionary kids in rural western Uganda with World Harvest Mission. In 2019, she returned to Birmingham with RUF at UAB.

Ben Griffith is finishing his third year as RUF campus minister at Samford. He is from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2008.

Brian Goessling attended Wheaton College in Chicago, Illinois, graduating in 2000. In 2009, God called Brian and his family to Restoration Academy as Dean of Students, where he now serves as Executive Director.

Ty Williams is currently the Associate Director at Restoration Academy, where he has served for more than 25 years. A native of Meridian, Mississippi, he received his B.A. from Tougaloo College and his M.A. in health administration from the University of Kansas.

Chassidi Likens is the Client Services Director for Sav-A-Life Shelby, a Christ-centered ministry serving women and families facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. All services are provided at no cost, including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting education, material assistance, and ongoing support.

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


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


CORNERSTONE
Room 134
*Parents of older elementary-junior high students;
singles and couples in
their late 30s or 40s*


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


COVENANT
Room 133
*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 153
*Singles and couples
primarily in their late 60s,
70s, or 80s*


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


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


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

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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.