A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent
Come, Thou Almighty King (Open Our Hearts)

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Bridge: Father, now call us out of our wand'ring.
Jesus, now come and cast out our fear.
Spirit, now preach the Son to our deafness.
Open our hearts; open our hearts.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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Call to Worship
From Psalm 107 — Adam Shields, Director of Community

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom He has redeemed from trouble.

Leader: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of man!

People: For He satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

All: He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.
And there He lets the hungry dwell.

Song of Praise
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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! 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 forever adore Him.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession
Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, have mercy on us. We have strayed again like sheep, fixing our thoughts and affections on the vain pursuits of our own fleeting, little kingdoms. We have neglected to fill our minds with the beauty of Your Word, failing to seek You day after day. We have not tended to our inner lives, abiding in Your love. Instead, our hearts have been set on the lusts of our eyes and the trivial things of this world. We repent and look again to the cross, where our sins have been removed as far as the east is from the west. Restore our gaze to You, Jesus. Help us love and adore You, the highest of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and praiseworthy. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness
Ephesians 1:7

Leader: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.
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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Introduction of New Members

Aby Abercrombie; Paul and Erin Agostini; Chase and Ashley Anderson;
Ben and Lynda Baird; Carson Berry; Hunter Boatright; Henry Bridgforth; Sam Bright;
Jack Brown; Joy Brown; Lee Cooper; Ben, Emily, Lucy, and Will Davidson;
John DeCastra; Adam and Nina Dunkerley; Jef and Tori Fluevog;
Logan and Sarah Gage; Tom and Kaitlyn Hagen; Josh Handley; Abby Hawkins;
Conner and Mary Beth Hodges; Sam Jackson; Jonathan, April, and Lily Cate Jeff;
Cody Johnson; David and Stacy King; Mary Claire Martin; Harrison McDonald;
Parker Milam; Kate Miller; Matt and Rebecca Milton; Sally Ann Missildine;
Hugh and Jacquie Nash; Landon and Ashley Parris; Billy Prewitt; Sharon Radigan;
Sam and Darlene Raine; Sam Raine; Josh Ridge; Mason and Haley Seaborn;
Anna-Blair Self; Carter and Taylor Sidor; Bennett Steenwyk; Helen Talmadge;
Stewart Tankersley; Trey Tims; Ben and Elizabeth Whitaker;
Steve and Ginger Windham; Dave and Glenda Wood

Sacrament of Baptism

8:15 Kate Miller **11:00** West Zaccagni

Prayers of the People
Bryan Becker, elder

Worship: that we would grow in the grace and knowledge of God (2 Peter 3:18)
Community: for our new members
Mission: for Unbound Grace Addiction Counseling
All Generations: that God would be glorified in this church for generations to come

Reading of the Scripture
Romans 11:11-24 (page 963)

11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather,
through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.
12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for
the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!
13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the
Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous,
and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the
world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? 16 If the dough offered
as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.
17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive
shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of
the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is
not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. 19 Then you will say,
"Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." 20 That is true. They were
broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not
become proud, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will
He spare you. 22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward
those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in His
kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. 23 And even they, if they do not continue
in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.
24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to
nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches,
be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Preaching of God's Word
Contrary to Nature — Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning
Mark 14:22-25

And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn
The Lord Is My Salvation — arr. Molly Ijames

Closing Hymns
The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every tree on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky. *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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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 your row, and you will exit to the side. We encourage families to come together. Please take a piece of bread and a cup as the 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 table. Return to your seat by way of the center aisle. 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.

Church Officers

Ruling Elders

Steve Ankenbrandt	Jerry Grant	Hal Shepherd
Dicky Barlow	Bradley Moore	Adam Shields
Bryan Becker	Mike Murphy	Andy Smith
John Benner	Andrew Murray	Scotty Stanford
David Breland	Randy Pigg	John Stein
Clay Conner	Karl Potts	Tyler Whitson

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Keith Cooke	Jeremy Shank	Ed Wright
Patrick Cunningham	Hunter Shepherd	Watkins Youngblood

Financial Snapshot of Faith

	Income	Anticipated Income
August 2026	$ 518,823	$ 455,000
YTD 2026	$ 3,955,089	$ 3,640,000
Percentage of Budget Remaining: 33 %		

AllGens Financial Update

Given 2nd Qtr 2026	$ 497,299
Total Given	$ 12,834,460
Target % Given	66 %
Actual % Given	67 %

Upcoming at Faith

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

Foundations of Faith: Register through the Faith website for our fall Foundations of Faith class, to be held on October 18, October 25, and November 1.

Faith Women's Hometown Dinners: Registration is now open for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship on October 23 at 6:30.

FSM Fall Retreat Registration: Fall Retreat (November 20-22) will be an incredible time for JrHi & SrHi students and adult leaders. If you register through the website during September, you will save $50.

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.

FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES
Room 215
7th-12th graders

COLLEGE
Room 153
Students, singles, and married couples in their late teens and early 20s

GENESIS
Room 151-152
Singles and couples primarily in their early–mid 20s

EXODUS
Room 169
Singles and couples primarily in their mid 20s–early 30s

MOSAIC
Room 158
Singles and couples primarily in their late 20s–early 30s

COVENANT
Room 134
Parents of young children; singles and couples primarily in their late 20s–30s

COMMON GROUND
Room 133
Parents of elementary-age children; singles and couples primarily in their mid 30s–40s

CORNERSTONE
Room 159
Parents of JrHi-age children; singles and couples primarily in their late 30s–40s

CROSSROADS
Room 157
Parents of SrHi-age children or college students; singles and couples primarily in their mid 40s–50s

HARVEST
Room 170
Parents of adult children; singles and couples primarily in their mid 50s–60s

SOJOURNERS
Room 167
Singles and couples primarily in their mid 60s–70s

TAPESTRY
Room 155
Singles and couples primarily in their late 70s–80s

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.

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