

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

## Welcome

**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, Christ the Lord upon the tree;  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold,  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

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 113:1-3 Adam Shields, Director of Community

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!  
**All:** Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**Song of Praise** All Creatures of Our God and King Trinity Hymnal No. 115

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along, O praise Him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Call to Confession** Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

## Prayer of Confession

**Offer of Forgiveness** Psalm 103:10-12

**Leader:** He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.  
**All:** We receive Your great mercy, O God!

**Hymn of Rejoicing** Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace! — how sweet the sound — that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind, but now I see.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone; I’ve been set free! My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns: unending love, amazing grace!  
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## Prayers of the People

**Worship:** that we would live as salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:13-16)  
**Community:** for those who are grieving  
**Mission:** for Fraser Perrett, RUF-I Minister, University of Alabama  
**All Generations:** that God would provide for every financial need

**Reading of the Scripture** Romans 10:14-21 (page 962)

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.  
<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”  
<sup>19</sup> But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”  
<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, “I have been found by those who did not seek Me; I have shown Myself to those who did not ask for Me.”  
<sup>21</sup> But of Israel He says, “All day long I have held out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

**Preaching of God's Word** All Day Long Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

**The Introduction of the Commission** Jason Sterling (8:15)

## The Questions for Installation

**To the Candidate** John Benner  
1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their assistant pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?  
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?  
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

**To the Session** Walter Kearns  
1. Do you, the elders of this session, continue to profess your readiness to receive Braxton Baker, whom you have called to be assistant pastor of this congregation?  
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?  
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?  
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your assistant pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

**The Charge to the Session** Jay Shaw

**The Charge to the Assistant Pastor** Martin Wagner

**The Prayer of Installation** Jason Sterling

## The Declaration of Installation

I now pronounce and declare that Braxton Baker has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed assistant pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

**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 and Distribution of the Elements

**Communion Hymn** Give Thanks (with Canon in D) arr. Phillip Keveren, David Angell

**Closing Hymns** Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh and would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try and frights my soul away,  
And frights my soul away.

I would but can’t repent, though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne’er relent till Jesus makes it soft,  
Till Jesus makes it soft.

*Refrain:* Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.  
My help must come from Thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have pow’r to move a soul as base as mine,  
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God’s most holy will;  
I know what He appoints is best and murmur at it still.  
I murmur at it still.

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Down at the Cross

Down at the cross where my Savior died,  
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Singing “Glory, glory, glory to His name!”

*Refrain:* There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Singing, “Glory, glory, glory to His name!”

I am so wondrously saved from sin,  
Jesus so sweetly abides within;  
There at the cross where He took me in;  
Singing, “Glory, glory, glory to His name!”

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,  
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior’s feet;  
Plunge in today, and be made complete;

Singing, Men: Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry  
Women: Glo - ry to His name  
Men: Glo - ry, glo - ry to His name.  
Women: to His name, to His name.

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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 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   |

## Deacons

|                    |                  |                    |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Brad Adair         | Felder Davis     | Tim Smith          |
| Chase Aldridge     | Josiah Helms     | Randal Snook       |
| Robert Atherton    | Daniel Johnston  | Carey Sullivan     |
| Ben Carmichael     | Isaac McDow      | Jackson Thomas     |
| Derek Cavin        | Jeff Mutchler    | Brian Thompson     |
| Brent Cobb         | Thomas Schaffeld | Luke Trammell      |
| Keith Cooke        | Jeremy Shank     | Ed Wright          |
| Patrick Cunningham | Hunter Shepherd  | Watkins Youngblood |

# Financial Snapshot of Faith

|                                      | Income       | Anticipated Income |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| July 2026                            | \$ 497,989   | \$ 455,000         |
| YTD 2026                             | \$ 3,436,266 | \$ 3,185,000       |
| Percentage of Budget Remaining: 42 % |              |                    |

# Upcoming at Faith

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

**Labor Day Weekend:** This morning we will have two worship services (8:15 and 11 a.m.) with a joint Kingdom Community hour in the sanctuary, and there will be no p.m. activities this evening. The church office will also be closed tomorrow.

**Wood Drake Concert:** Join us for a Wood Drake Sessions concert at Faith this Friday, September 11, at 7 p.m. to celebrate the release of their new album.

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

# 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*

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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.