

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent	Come and Rest
Have you been trying to move a mountain and the mountain, it will not move? Have you been struggling to remember somebody is looking out for you?	
<i>Refrain:</i> Come and rest; come and rest; Come and rest in the love of God.	
Do you need a mother? Do you need a father? O everybody needs a friend. Are you looking for the way home? Do you wanna feel that peace again? <i>Refrain</i>	
There’s a time for all your working. There’s a time to put your hand to the plow. But can you hear it? Jesus is singing. O come and lay your burdens down. <i>Refrain</i>	
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Call to Worship	Psalm 147:1-5, 12 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor
Leader:	Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
People:	The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
Leader:	He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
People:	He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.
Leader:	Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.
All:	Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Song of Praise	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small;
Creator, Sustainer, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith. Arrangement: 2021 Percival, Philip; Chapman, Liv. Words and music: Public Domain.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession	Matthew 5:5
“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”	

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have pridefully resisted Your sovereign hand over our lives because we want to remain in control. Our sinful self-reliance has no true strength and has led to impatience, harshness, critical words, anger, and even revenge against those who hurt us. Deep down, we have believed that surrendering to You is weakness and that maintaining control is strength. Father, forgive us. Make us more like Jesus, who was gentle and humble in heart and always entrusted Himself to You. By Your Spirit, work in us the fruit of patience, kindness, humility, and meekness. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness	Colossians 1:13-14
Leader:	He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
All:	We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing	It Is Well with My Soul	<i>Trinity Hymnal</i> No. 691
My sin — O the bliss of this glorious thought! — My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!		<i>Refrain</i>
<i>Refrain:</i> It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.		

Sacrament of Baptism	
8:15	Steel Gibson Doggett, Charlotte Mae Hagen, Easton Robert Morris
11:00	Margaret Elizabeth Mallory, Hayes Cartwright Morris, Reece Lee Morris

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer	Patrick Bush, FSM Director
Worship: that God would give us hearts of gratitude and steadfast prayer (Colossians 4:2)	
Community: for marriages to thrive in our congregation	
Mission: for Sam and Madison Cromley, with Mission to the World, Thailand	
All Generations: that God would be glorified in this church for generations to come	

Reading of the Scripture	Romans 12:1-2 (page 964)
¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.	

Preaching of God's Word	A Living Sacrifice	Jason Sterling, Senior 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.”

Confession of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn	Down at the Cross	arr. Vicki Hancock Wright
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Closing Hymns	Love of the Lord
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Can the Shepherd hear my call? Have I wandered off too far?
Have I wandered off too far, far from His presence?

Do I stand beyond His reach, where the dark will never cease,
Where the dark will never cease? Spirit, assure me.

Refrain 1: Not the heights, not the depths, not the powers;
Even death won't separate me from the love of the Lord.

Is the Father's love secure through the evil I endure?
Through the evil I endure, does He desert me?

Holy Spirit, teach again, when the shadows never end.
When the shadows never end, Jesus is with me.

Refrain 2: Not the heights, not the depths, not the powers;
Even death won't separate me from the love of the Lord.
All my past, all my pain, all my loss; even death will only lead me
To the love of the Lord.

Bridge: Nothing can separate me; no wrong could ever shake me
From the love of God in Jesus Christ.
No hand could ever seize me;
No hell could ever steal me from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Refrain 3: Not the night, not distress, not my fears;
Through my doubts, through my shame,
Always near.

Kirk Sauers | Paul Ranheim. Bold canary music | Mellow Toad music.

	Take My Life, and Let It Be	<i>TH</i> No. 585
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Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

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.

Mission Partners

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Restoration Academy — *Fairfield, Alabama*
Sav-A-Life — *Shelby County*
Stephen Merwin — *RUF-I Minister, University of Alabama at Birmingham*
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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.

Foundations of Faith: Our fall membership class meets during KC hour this morning and for the next two Sundays, October 25 and November 1.

Grace Groups and Side by Side Groups: If you are still interested in joining one of our small groups this year, check the Faith website to see what's available.

Thanksgiving Service: Save the date for our annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 15, at 5 p.m.

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


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


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


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


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


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


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


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


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


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


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


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

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