A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Welcome

Song of Ascent — Almighty God

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open. Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy. Come with Your light — we cannot hide from You.

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open. With gratitude we raise our song to You.
Come and fill the praises of Your people. In grace and truth You make us new again.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open. We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us, but Your river deep floods over everything.

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Children's Choir — Romans 3:23-24 — (11:00)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
And are justified by his grace as a gift,
Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
In Christ Jesus.

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Call to Worship — Psalm 100:1-5 — Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

Song of Praise — Surely as the Morning

What a joy to live in the fold of God. My Shepherd good, You lead me on.
Ev'rywhere I go You will hold my life, from pastures green to rivers dry.

Refrain: Even in the valley of the shadow of death,
Even in the barren wilderness,
Never will You leave wherever I run,
Surely as the morning greets the sun.

Will there be a day when Your goodness fades? In waves of grief or fires of pain?
Even at the grave You will bury my fears. My Shepherd good, You're drawing near.

Bridge: Surely I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, forever.
Surely love and mercy will follow me forever, forever.

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession — Matthew 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven".

Hymn of Confession — Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

Jesus, cast a look on me; give me sweet simplicity;
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside;
Bid my will to Thine submit; lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled,
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest,
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give;
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

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Prayer of Confession

Offer of Forgiveness — 2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing — When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers of the People — Jerry Grant, elder

Worship: that we would set our hearts and minds on things above (Colossians 3:1-3)
Community: that we would be unified as the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:3-6)
Mission: for the Maják church planting network
All Generations: that God would provide for every financial need

Reading of the Scripture — Romans 11:33-36 (page 964)

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How
unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!
34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been His counselor?"
35 "Or who has given a gift to Him
that He might be repaid?"
36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory
forever. Amen.

Preaching of God's Word — To Him Be Glory — Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

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 — Beautiful Savior — arr. Tom Fettke, Joseph Linn

Closing Hymns — Doxology (Romans 11)

Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable His judgments, how untraceable His paths!

Who knows the mind of our God? Who could bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God that God should repay?
For from Him, through Him, to Him is everything.

Refrain: To God be the glory forever and ever!
To God be the glory forever! Amen.

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Sovereign over Us

There is strength within the sorrow; there is beauty in our tears,
And You meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting; You're sanctifying us.
When beyond our understanding, You're teaching us to trust.

Refrain: Your plans are still to prosper. You have not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, perfect in love,
You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined. Who could understand Your ways?
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace,

You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind.
You surround and You uphold me, and Your promises are my delight. *Refrain*

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good.
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley, You are faithful. You're working for our good.
You're working for our good and for Your glory. *Refrain*

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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.

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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.

Church Workday: Join us for our fall church workday on Saturday morning, October 17.

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

Fall Break Weekend Schedule: Next Sunday, October 11, there will be no Sunday p.m. activities.

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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