A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Welcome

Song of Ascent
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Trinity Hymnal* (*TH*) No.196

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Call to Worship
Psalm 24:7–10, 1 Timothy 1:17 Braxton Baker, Asst. Pastor

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory!

Leader: To the King of the ages,
immortal, invisible, the only God

All: be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Praise
Joy to the World! *TH* No. 195

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession
Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, the light of Your holy Word shines upon our unbelief. Our deepest desires are fully known to You, and there are no secrets kept from You. You see all the evil that dwells within our hearts: coveting, pride, immorality, and hatred. We have treasured and trusted the empty promises of sin. We repent and plead for Your mercy. Holy Spirit, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and lead us back to Jesus. May we ever trust His enduring love and perfect righteousness clothing us by faith. Amen.

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
My Savior Left His Throne Above

My Savior left His throne above, exchanged His wealth for poverty.
He took my hate and gave His love; all this and more He did for me.
Because He chose the lowly way and bowed before His Father's will,
I can with all assurance say, "My God is near and loves me still."

He kept His Father's every word; the Law He followed perfectly.
So all God's pleasure He secured; all this and more He earned for me.
Because His righteous life is mine and all His merits now I own,
I am a child of God on high; I am adopted, loved, and known.

When Jesus left His heav'nly home, His face was set on Calvary.
The steepest hill He climbed alone; all this and more He did for me.
Because He died once for all time and bore the curse of death and hell,
Final forgiveness here is mine. So it is finished; all is well.

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Sacrament of Baptism

8:15 Noah Banks Coleman, Elsie Collins Dalton, Pierce Elizabeth King, Jack William O'Neil, Nathaniel Ford Phillips

11:00 Anderson Evins Hamm, Carter Elizabeth Milton, Eleanor Faith Morgan, Ashleigh Grace Outlaw, Palmer Jane Stanford

Prayers of the People
Clay Conner, elder

Worship: that Christ would be our only hope (Matthew 12:21)
Community: for those who are grieving
Mission: for Erik and Hara Petrou, with Neos Kosmos, Athens, Greece
All Generations: that this new building would be a space where the gospel is proclaimed for years to come

Reading of the Scripture
Galatians 3:25-4:7 (page 990)

3:[25] But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, [26] for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. [27] For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29] And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

4:[1] I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, [2] but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. [3] In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. [4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
[6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Preaching of God's Word
Christmas with the Apostle Paul: Sent to Make You a Son Jason Sterling

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning
Luke 22:14-20

And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
with Infant Holy, Infant Lowly arr. Craig Duncan

Closing Hymns
Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)

My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God;
My Savior has seen His servant in need, and behold the great things He has done.

He scatters the proud and rich; He lifts up the humble and weak;
The kings of the earth He casts from their thrones, and the hungry He welcomes to feast.

Refrain: O behold, my Savior has come,
And my soul will tell of His praise;
For He who is strong has come to the weak,
And at last He will reign as our King of Peace.

From now to the end of time, the nations will know me as blest;
For God has made new His promise of love and mercy through Abraham's seed. *Refrain*

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Angels We Have Heard on High *TH* No. 214

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

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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Financial Snapshot of Faith

	Income	Anticipated Income
October 2026	$ 495,877	$ 455,000
YTD 2026	$ 4,927,077	$ 4,550,000
Percentage of Budget Remaining: 17 %		

Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at faith-pca.org.

Faith Women's Christmas Dinner: Register through the Faith website for our annual women's Christmas dinner on December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: Join us for one of our three Christmas Eve services this year on December 24 at 1, 3, or 5 p.m.

Marriage Conference: Save the dates January 8–10 for a marriage conference led by Dr. John Cox for singles and marrieds.

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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