

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 20, 2026

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

**Call to
Worship**

Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us into
his presence.
Because of Christ,
we can approach
God with
boldness even
though we are
sinful and
weak.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

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***O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING – Hymn #164**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Colors in the Church

We use different colored banners in a symbolic way throughout the liturgical year.

White = purity & holiness

Purple = royalty & suffering.

Red = blood & fire

Blue = royalty

Black = mourning & death (only used on Good Friday)

Green = life & growth

***REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,
the only wise King.*

(Chorus)

*Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery!*

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 61:10*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Call to Confession

We all sin daily,
in thought and
word and deed.
As we come into
God's presence,
we acknowledge
how we have
rebelled against
our King and
seek his
forgiveness.

***THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD** - *Hymn #253, vs.*

1-3, 5

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:

lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Offering

We give back
to God a
portion of what
he has given
us to use to
declare that he
is Lord of all.
(This is part of
our service as
a church
family, and
visitors should
not feel
obligated to
participate.)

Sermon Series—Philippians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Transforming Grace—Philippians 1:1-8

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

I. Introduction

II. Confidence in Christ

Questions for Further Reflection

1. How does my confidence in Christ enable me to strive for greater unity with other believers? Disunity often is a symptom of self-promotion and self-confidence. What are ways Paul challenges these sinful attitudes?
2. How does our partaking of Christ deepen our confidence in him and our affection for one another?
3. Gordon Fee remarks: “But joy is not a feeling, it is an activity.” In what ways do you see this Christ-filled joy active in your life?
4. What is comforting to you about the Lord finishing the work he began in you? How is this a challenge?

Children’s Question

*Jesus will finish the work he began in us. What are some of the ways he does this?
What role do joy and thanksgiving have in your life in Christ?*

Sermon

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

HE WILL BE

God is faithful to His word
Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Faithful He has been, faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word returns complete
To His truth I cling when the night is deep
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt
He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Gracious He has been, gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song
Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves, He has redeemed

(Chorus)

*Worthy He has been, Worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be*

(Bridge 2x)

He is my provider, covenant protector
All my hope is in the Lord my God
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer
All my hope is in the Lord my God

(Chorus 2x)

Worthy He has been, worthy He will be

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

The Lord's Supper

The gospel is not
only heard, but
visibly seen as
God invites us to
commune with
him at his table. In
the Lord's Supper
we remember and
experience Jesus'
saving work.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

*We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)*

*In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)*

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom
(Chorus 2x)*

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor: Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz,
Trent Neumann, Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley*, Micah Tinkham*

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch*

Coordinator of Women's Ministries: Deanna Kotila | Director of the Refuge: Sissy Hashley

Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham

Music Director: Lisa Iddings | Youth & Family Director: Caleb Cole

Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody

**currently on sabbatical*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: St. Herman Orthodox Church, Fr Panayiotis Tekosis

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Trinity Center for World Mission & Dr. Ashley Gess
WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF: Ladies, join us for a potluck luncheon after the 2nd service TODAY to hear about the studies, service opportunities, and special events scheduled for the 2026-2027 ministry year.

NEWCOMERS' LUNCH: If you are new to Faith Covenant, please join us for lunch and fellowship next Sun., Sept. 27, at the Cunningham's home, after 2nd service. RSVP to Hannah Cunningham or on the signup in the foyer.

NANCY GUTHRIE STUDY: Chany Ockert will be leading a year-long Bible study at the church on Thurs. mornings starting Oct. 1. Please see the description in the foyer for more information.

COMING UP: If you're interested in membership at Faith Covenant, a class will be starting up on Sun., Oct. 11., during the Sunday school hour. A signup sheet is available in the foyer.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = \$565,805 Actual YTD Offerings = \$489,552
If you have questions about the FCC budget, please reach out to Terry Falk.

SERVING: September On-Call Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: N. Hanson & D. Neeley / Lancaster Family
Children's Church: Russell Family / J. Benson & S. Calvi
Nursery: Hobus Family / Mattern Family
Fellowship Hosts: J. Haugestuen and D&K Eroh
Communion Prep/Cleanup: TBD / N. Moody

Next Sunday September 27

Ushers: H. Hanson / Lancaster Family
Children's Church: Russell Family / C. Kliem
Nursery: Morin Family / Volunteer Needed
Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & P. Saldamando
Communion Prep/Cleanup: L. Murdock / J. Benson

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Wednesday Youth Group

6-7:30 pm (MS) / 6:30-8:15 pm (HS)

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am