

FAITH
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 27, 2026

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more,
with knowledge and all discernment.

Philippians 1:9

**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: *Psalm 68:32-35

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the
Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient
heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.**

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—
he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

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***O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING - Hymn #660**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

***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

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than us, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Micah 7:7-9*

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

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.

*BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.*

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)*

YOUR WILL BE DONE

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise,
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

*And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done. (3x)*

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.
A Praying People—Philippians 1:9-14

⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. ¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

I. Prayers given

II. Prayers answered

Questions for Further Reflection

1. In verse 11, Paul points us to *the glory and praise of God*. What are the connections with this and the Lord's Prayer?
2. Paul desires that your knowledge ultimately cultivates love. Right doctrine and right practice go hand in hand. How does this form the groundwork for God-centered sanctification?
3. In what ways can Paul's imprisonment be thought of as an answer to prayer? How do our sufferings, weaknesses, and human limitations highlight the power of Christ?
4. Why would Paul's suffering encourage and embolden others to share the good news of Jesus?
5. In what ways do Paul's prayers encourage us to move beyond "shopping list" prayers?

Children's Question

We often just pray for God to help us with our problems. Paul invites us to pray for greater things. How might praying for God to receive glory and praise in your life be a focus of your prayers? How does having a bigger picture of who God is and his purposes for us help us when he answers our prayers with a "no"?

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.

***THERE IS ONE GOSPEL**

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan the Son has rescued me
Oh, what a Gospel oh what a peace,
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling all else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet; He saved me on the
cross

No more I boast in what I can bring;
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found the empty tomb still
speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down; He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes;
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one; we do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on; to lead us safely home

*And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life;
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

Praise to my Savior the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

*BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Chorus)

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(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 Intern: Caleb Cole

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

**currently on sabbatical*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge & Turning Point Ministries

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Trinity Center for World Mission & Dr. Ashley Gess

NEWCOMERS' LUNCH: at the Cunningham's home is TODAY after the 2nd service.

WORD OF THE LORD STUDY: This year-long Nancy Guthrie Bible study led by Chany Ockert has added an evening option. In addition to the 9 am Thurs. morning study, there will also be a class available on Thurs. evenings at 6 pm (location TBD). This is the last week to sign up, since both studies will begin Oct. 1. If you've already signed up, you can pick up your workbook in the office TODAY!

JUST LOOKING CLASS: If you're interested in learning more about Faith Covenant and/or becoming a member, a class will be starting up on Sun., Oct. 11., during the Sunday school hour. A signup sheet is available in the foyer.

BERLIN INFORMATIONAL MEETING: An Easter Outreach trip to Berlin will be March 22-April 1. There will be a brief informational meeting (20-30 minutes) in the church library on Oct. 11 immediately following the 2nd service. Minimum age requirement for the trip is 16 and the decision deadline is Dec. 10. If you're interested in joining this short-term missions trip or just want to learn more about it, all are welcome! Contact Steve Haymond with any questions.

ENEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS: To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.

SERVING: September On-Call Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Next Sunday September 27

Ushers: H. Hanson & D. Kotila / Lancaster Family
Children's Church: T&T Jentz / C. Kliem & Z. Hanson
Nursery: Morin Family / No Volunteer
Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & P. Saldamando
Communion Prep/Cleanup: L. Murdock / J. Benson

Next Sunday October 4

Ushers: N. Streeter & J. Jenks / Eck Family
Children's Church: D. Tinkham / T&K Anderson
Nursery: Morin Family / Mattern Family
Fellowship Hosts: L. Gomez & N. Moody
Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner / H. Embry

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