

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 6, 2026

“Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.”

Psalm 127:1

**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

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Trinity Center for World Mission (Sandy Johnson)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalms 96:1-4*

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

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*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

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

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our sins
As we forgive those who have sinned against us

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen
(Repeat All)

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For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen, amen, amen

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 29:13-14*

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral, and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money, and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, love, and mercy. These we should have done without neglecting the others. We put ourselves into the best positions, because we think we deserve them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us from the inside out. (*Adapted from Luke 11:37-52*)

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.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:13*

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

(Chorus)

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
(Chorus)

**Diaconal
Offering**

The first Sunday
of every month is
the Diaconal
offering.
Please use the
Special Offering
envelopes
located in the
pew racks.

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)*

CHRIST OUR WISDOM

Christ our wisdom we are humbled
When You hide Your ways from us
You have purposes unnumbered
Each one good and glorious
Help us trust when we grow weary
Free us from our anxious thoughts
Give us grace to see more clearly
You are God and we are not

Christ our wisdom be our gladness
When we fail to understand
You ordain all joy and sadness
To fulfill Your perfect plan
Help us know You rule with power
Over every raging flood
In our most uncertain hour
You are God and we are loved

Christ our wisdom we will follow
Though the way ahead is veiled
As we journey through the shadows
Grant us faith where sight has failed
Help us cling to Your commandments
Strengthened by Your faithful Word
We will never be abandoned
You are God and we are Yours

Christ our wisdom we adore You
For the beauty of the cross
Once in foolishness we scorned You
But Your blood has ransomed us
Help us sing the endless mercies
Of Your humble heart to save
Christ our wisdom Christ our glory
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Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Pastor John Sackett

“3-2-1”—Psalm 127

A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.

¹Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. ²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. ³Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Because God has established His order over all of life, we must grow our trust in Him.

3. Vain Pursuits

2. Blessings

1. Underlying Truth

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.

Questions for Further Reflection

1. C. Hassell Bullock refers to this as “a centering psalm” because it is the middle psalm in three sets of five “songs of assent.” How do the truths of this psalm serve in that capacity? How can this psalm be “centering” for us today?
2. Derek Kidner notes painfully, “yet like much of Solomon’s wisdom, the lessons of this Psalm, relevant as they were to his situation, were mostly lost on him.” How can we avoid laboring to a similar end?
3. One writer notes that we must “remember these are God’s gifts – and that does not imply that their absence is God’s curse.”
4. Hard work is certainly not despised throughout the Scripture, but what is a “higher way of life”?
5. How does this Psalm imply that a “good night of sleep” has spiritual components? More importantly, what Truths and Lies do we hold that may play a factor in our sleep?
6. Why is family such a blessing? How does it picture God’s covenant faithfulness? How does the underlying truth help us as we think about family?

Children’s Question

*How would you begin to answer the question,
“If God plans everything, why should we bother about anything?”*

***TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE - Hymn #585**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;

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.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be

filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use

every power 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.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be

ever, only, all for thee.

**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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

(See FCC observance below)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

We observe the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body—the Church. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

*THE LORD ALMIGHTY REIGNS

There's an endless song waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe the sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas
And rolls of thunder, hear His people sing

(Chorus)

Hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord almighty reigns

Hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord our God the almighty reigns

We will join the feast, rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done

Like the roar of mighty seas
Rolls of thunder, all the church will sing

(Chorus)

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim
Oh, that more would share the prize—salvation in His name

Then greater will the anthem ring
A mighty chorus rising to the King
(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. | *Associate Pastor:* John Sackett

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

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Pregnancy Ministries

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Trinity Center for World Mission

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR: Meet in the fellowship hall during coffee hour TODAY, to say goodbye to John & Susan Sackett as they prepare to depart for John's new call in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Sunday school classes + our fall service schedule will resume NEXT WEEK. Worship services will be at 8:15 & 11, with Sunday school for all ages at 10 am.

MISSIONS MEAL: A potluck luncheon featuring Dr. Ashley Gess with Trinity Center for World Mission will be next Sun., Sept. 13, following the 2nd service. Sign up in the foyer.

VESPERS: our Sunday evening service of prayer and reflection is next Sun., Sept. 13 at 6 pm.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF: Ladies, join us for a potluck after the 2nd service on Sun., Sept. 20 to hear about the studies, service opportunities, and special events scheduled for the 2026-2027 ministry year. More information available in the foyer.

BIBLE STUDY ON I PETER: If you missed this 4-week study in July, it's being offered again! More information and a signup in the foyer.

PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY: Using the book *The Way of Wisdom* as a guide, this 8-week study will meet at Gloria Johnson's home on Wed. afternoons from 1-3 beginning Sept. 23. Sign up in the foyer.

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

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

SERVING: September On-Call Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: C&C Cole / Falk Family

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / J. Adney & C. Kliem

Nursery: G&C Bennett / Hunter Family

Fellowship Hosts: L. Pierson & D. Kotila

Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / T. Paolini

Next Sunday September 13

Ushers: C&C Cole / Falk Family

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / J. Benson & S. Calvi

Nursery: Rieke Family / Mattern Family

Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & L. Cole-Tinkham

Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / J. Brown

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:15 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am