

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 11, 2026

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,
so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of
you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind
striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:27

**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 118:1-4

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures
forever.”

All: Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love
endures forever.”

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***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2, vs. 1-2, 4-5**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

***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

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God
(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Galatians 3:10-11*

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

All: O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numbered and aggravated offenses?

Leader: We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserve your grace and thus have mocked your gospel.

All: We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency.

Leader: We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood.

All: Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us.

Leader: We have failed to be your priests and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed.

All: Lead us to repentance and save us from despair.

Leader: Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Help us believe the gospel for your glory.
(*Prayer of Confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA*)

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: *Galatians 2:20*

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*HERE IS LOVE VAST AS THE OCEAN

Here is love vast as the ocean
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure
Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son

Oh this love vast love of Jesus
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing
What more could our Savior give
*Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to Him*

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)*

ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME - Hymn #499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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.
Worthy of the Gospel—Philippians 1:27-30

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

I. Standing Firm in Christ

II. Suffering with Christ

Questions for Further Reflection

1. What does it mean to govern our lives by the gospel? How would we measure this?
2. Being saved by grace also means we live by grace. Because I have been given new life in Christ, I am free to live from this new life. How does this direct our motivation?
3. In verses 27-28, we are called to unity. This does not mean we must think precisely the same way about everything; but rather that we are one in intent and disposition. How is this a challenge to you personally?
4. Verses 29-30 mention suffering for the gospel. How do other types of suffering fit into this? What does arguing from a greater (suffering for the gospel) to a lesser (suffering in general) look like in this case?
5. When you face external opposition, would you say your responses reflect Jesus? In what ways is the life of Paul an example of dealing rightly with opposition? How are you doing with opposition?

Children's Question

When others oppose us, we can be tempted to either give in when we should stand firm, or to attack them. Jesus calls us to a different response. How does Jesus enable you to love your enemies and remain faithful to him?

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.

***ANCIENT OF DAYS**

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

(Chorus)

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

(Chorus)

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

(Chorus)

For my God is the Ancient of Days

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

*THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION - Hymn #347 (vs. 1-2 & 4-6)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
she is his new creation by water and the Word
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee

*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: Faith 117

OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS: J&K, Church planting among unreached people groups in central Europe

BERLIN INFORMATIONAL MEETING: There will be a brief informational meeting (20-30 minutes) in the church library TODAY immediately following the 2nd service regarding an Easter Outreach trip to Berlin that's happening March 22-April 1.

VESPERS: is tonight @ 6 pm.

PUMPKIN DAY FOR MOMS & KIDS: Bring your little ones to the church to decorate pumpkins, make crafts, and eat fall snacks on Thurs., Oct. 15, from 9-11 am. Coffee and connection for moms. Sign up in the foyer.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: Join us next Sun, Oct. 18 @ 6 pm to hear the news from Presbytery and have a chance to ask any questions you might have.

CHILI & CORN MAZE: Join us for our annual chili lunch and visit to the Fritz Corn Maze (entry paid by the church) on Sun., Oct. 25, immediately following the second service. Sign up in the foyer.

SERVING: October On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: N. Streeter & J. Jenks / Eck Family
Children's Church: D. Tinkham / T&K Anderson
Nursery: Z. Hanson & C. Cole / M. Falk & K. Brown
Fellowship Hosts: J. Taylor & D. Kotila
Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond / S. Calvi

Next Sunday October 18

Ushers: G&C Bennett / Davis Family
Children's Church: A&C Hanson / J. Thompson
Nursery: M&J Mattocks / K. Neumann
Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & J. Orndorff
Communion Prep/Cleanup: R&A Darrach / J&C Funk

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Wednesday Youth Group

MS & HS @ 6-7:45 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am