

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 11, 2026

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue
with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith.

Philippians 1:25

**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.

***I WILL TRUST MY SAVIOR JESUS**

I will trust my Savior Jesus
When my darkest doubts befall
Trust Him when to simply trust Him
Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my Savior Jesus
Trust Him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus
Is the safest place of all

(Chorus)
Jesus, only Jesus
Help me trust You more and more
Jesus, only Jesus
May my heart be ever Yours

I will trust my Savior Jesus
He has said His way is best
And I know the path He's chosen
Leads to everlasting rest
(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)
Oh on that cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting in the One who died for me
What could I bring, for Your gift is complete
So I trust You, simply trust You, Lord with every part of me
(Chorus 2x)

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)*

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE - Hymn #648

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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.
Gospel Motivation—Philippians 1:15-26

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

I. Self-Promotion

II. Looking to Others

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. Our motives are always mixed. What is a good diagnostic for us to check them?
2. In what way does having the big picture help Paul to deal with problematic people?
3. How does Paul's gospel-informed attitude enable him to face severe opposition?
4. In verse 19, what role does the Holy Spirit have in Paul's encouragement? What about the prayer of others?
5. Our communion with Christ gives us eyes for others even when we are struggling ourselves. Have you seen good examples of this? Are you a source of encouragement to others even when you struggle?

Children's Question

We often struggle to do the right thing for the right reason. How does the good news of Jesus confront your sin and encourage your heart at the same time?

***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

(Chorus 2x)

**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.

*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

*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: Come on Oct. 18 @ 6 pm to hear the news from Presbytery and have a chance to ask questions.

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