

FAITH
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 18, 2026

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4

**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 136:1-3*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever.

All: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love
endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love
endures forever.

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*GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING

I approach the throne of glory nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise

(Chorus)

*You deserve the greater glory, overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory, overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend
Safe secure in You forever I pour out my praise again

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious, good and gracious
Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious King

(Chorus)

You're a good and gracious King

*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

*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)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

LORD HAVE MERCY

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
We call on Your name so holy

For envy and pride, for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:32, 3:16*

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

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.

***LORD HAVE MERCY**

For what You have done, Your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise You
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes
You finished the work God gave You
And there on the tree, a King among thieves
You bled for a world's betrayal
You loved to the end, our merciful friend
How pure and forever faithful

(Chorus)

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us*

For hearts that are cold for seizing control
For scorning our very Maker
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior
(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)*

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.)

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS - Hymn #307

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Sermon Series—Philippians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Joy of Unity—Philippians 2:1-4

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

I. A Shared Faith

II. Dying to self

Questions for Further Reflection

1. What helps us to discern between primary and secondary teachings of the Faith? Why do we often get more upset with those closest to us doctrinally rather than those further away?
2. A pastor once remarked that we treat the sin of disunity like driving 60mph in a 55mph—technically wrong, but not really a big deal. For Paul, unity in Christ is an essential truth, not a secondary matter. Where has “unity” landed for you personally?
3. According to verse 3, what is the true obstacle to unity? How do we typically hide our selfishness when it comes to disunity in the Church?
4. In Philippians 2:1-4, Paul speaks of joy being found in getting our eyes off of ourselves and onto others. In what areas of your life do you have an opportunity to do this?
5. How is humility the key to unity? What does this look like for you right now? How is this an encouragement in Christ?

Children’s Question

Christians showing the love of Christ to the world begins with our showing love to one another. How does disunity hurt the cause of Christ? How are we called to stand for both the peace and the purity of the church?

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.

*HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood
For I know that He is working for His glory and my good

(Chorus)

To our God be the glory

To our God be praise

He alone the name above all names

I will boast ever only in the Lord my God

For I know His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me for His glory and my good

(Chorus)

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good

(Chorus 2x)

Yes I know His glory is my good

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

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.

*PRAISE HIS NAME (PSALM 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

(Chorus)

*O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge)

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree
Hear creation's melody, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain, "Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"
Name above all other names, praise Him

(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: Great Plains Gathering, PCA Native American Church Plant, Pastor Josh Charette

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

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: Join us TONIGHT @ 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) next Sunday, Oct. 25, immediately following the second service. Sign up in the foyer.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EVENTS: There will be an embroidery how-to class on Wed., Nov. 4, from 6:30-7:30 pm, a jewelry-making class on Wed., Nov. 11, from 6:30-7:30 pm and an Italian-themed dinner on Tues, Nov. 17, from 6-8 pm. More information and signup sheets for all these events can be found in the foyer.

SAVE THE DATE!: A Ladies Retreat is planned for Feb. 19-20, 2027. Registration begins Jan. 3, 2027.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = \$630,469 Actual YTD Offerings = \$539,979
If you have questions about the FCC budget, please reach out to Terry Falk.

SERVING: October On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday October 25

Ushers: G&C Bennett / Davis Family
Children's Church: A&C Hanson / J. Thompson
Nursery: Streit Family / G. Wright & J. Taylor
Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & K. Bay
Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / J. Brown

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