FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 25, 2026



Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

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Philippians 2:5

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: *Rex Harris, Operation Christmas Child*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 47:6-7*

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - *Hymn #100*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.
(*Chorus)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word
(*Chorus 2x)*

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

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"—
All: but we have been rich in pride.
Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn"—
All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.
Leader: "Blessed are the meek"—
All: but we are a stiff-necked people.
Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"—
All: but we are filled to the full with other things.
Leader: "Blessed are the merciful"—
All: but we are harsh and impatient.
Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart"—
All: but we have impure hearts.
Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers"—
All: but we have not sought reconciliation.
Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness—
All: but our lives do not challenge the world.
Leader: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me"—
All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.
Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us.
All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:17*

If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

(Chorus)
It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host
Dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine
(*Chorus 2x)*

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes, I'll thank you for the cross
(Chorus 2x)

Merit now my own

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANT MEMBER:

Betsy Brown

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)

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING** - *Hymn #457*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

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.
The Glory of Christ's Humility —Philippians 2:5-11

[5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I. Deity of Christ

II. Directive of Christ

Questions for Further Reflection

1. Besides John 1:1-18, this passage of the NT gives us some of the most direct teaching about who Jesus is. How does this passage bring out the incarnation, humiliation, and exaltation of Jesus?
2. The Greeks and Romans did not think humility was a virtue, rather it was a weakness that was shameful. Paul's message about Jesus's humility was completely countercultural. How is this still true today? What are the implications of this when it comes to Christians and the grasping of power?
3. In what way might one contrast Adam in the garden of Eden and Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane? What parts of your life have you been trying to "seize" and need released to the Lord?
4. The Son's decision to become human was not a decision to stop being the divine Son, but rather to show us what it really means to be divine. Taking advantage of or exploiting his position is not what Jesus did. How does Paul use this idea to direct the Philippians in their behavior? How does this instruct you?
5. To call Jesus LORD is to speak of him as being God. Given Paul's Jewish monotheism, how does this speak of his divinity?

Children's Question

The Son of God had the highest glory and power and he willingly served from the lowest position. How are we called to serve others in a similar way? When we struggle with giving rather than getting, how does Jesus encourage us?

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.

***TURN YOUR EYES**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

(Chorus)
Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins
(Chorus)

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
'All glory to Jesus alone!'
(Chorus 2x)

Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

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.

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.

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

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!** *- Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

***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: Church of the Cross, Pastor Aaron Scott

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

CHILI & CORN MAZE: Join us for our annual chili lunch and visit to the Fritz Corn Maze (entry paid by the church) TODAY, immediately following the second service.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: If you want to pack a shoebox for a needy child, box labels and other supplies are available in the foyer. Help yourself to whatever you need! Please return your shoebox(es) to church on or before Sun., Nov. 15.

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

SERVING: October On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk

Today (1st service/2nd service)
Ushers: G&C Bennett / Davis Family
Children's Church: C&H Hanson / J. Thompson
Nursery: Streit Family / G. Wright & J. Taylor
Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & K. Bay
Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / J. Brown

Next Sunday November 1
Ushers: M&G Tronstad / Mattern Family
Children's Church: L. Vander Ark & S. May / Z. Falk & N. Lancaster
Nursery: Rieke Family / R&N Hamling
Fellowship Hosts: M. Wilkerson + J&C Funk
Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / T. Paolini

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

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