

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 4, 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 113:1-3

Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - *Hymn #53

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who does prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed
thee.

How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

**Indicates
when to stand.
All Music Copied
Under CCLI
License #34680*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND 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 us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

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

***WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us
When Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9*

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, for you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen. (*adapted from Psalm 5*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

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.

***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.

Diaconal Offering

The first Sunday of every month is the Diaconal offering.

Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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 Your 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
You are God forever praised*

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Canvas Church, Pastor Kevin Geer

OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS: Joe & Kelly Swenson, MTW Europe

ADOPTION PARTY: Please join us on for an open house on Thurs., Oct. 8th, to celebrate Hailey's adoption into the McManus family! 6:30-8 pm at the Falk's home, with a time of prayer at 7pm. If you would like to give a gift, consider contributing funds toward the McManus's first family vacation all together. A signup sheet and more information is available in the foyer.

JUST LOOKING CLASS: If you're interested in learning more about Faith Covenant and/or becoming a member of the church, sign up in the foyer for the class that will be starting up next Sun., Oct. 11., during the Sunday school hour.

BERLIN INFORMATIONAL MEETING: There will be a brief informational meeting (20-30 minutes) in the church library on Oct. 11 immediately following the 2nd service regarding an Easter Outreach trip to Berlin that's happening March 22-April 1. Minimum age requirement for the trip is 16 and the decision deadline is Dec. 10. If you're interested in joining this short-term missions trip or just want to learn more about it, all are welcome! Contact Steve Haymond with any questions.

VESPERS: You're invited to come unplug and recharge with our evening service of prayer and song next Sun., Oct. 11 @ 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.

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: Morin Family / Mattern Family
Fellowship Hosts: L. Gomez & N. Moody
Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner / H. Embry

Next Sunday October 11

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

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Wednesday Youth Group

6-7:30 pm (MS) / 6:30-8:15 pm (HS)

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am