FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 15, 2026

But whatever gain I had,
I counted as loss for the sake of Christ

Philippians 3:7

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 148: 1-3, 5*

Leader: Praise the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

Leader: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**Indicates when to stand.*
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***FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**—*Hymn #116*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

***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

***ALL PRAISE TO HIM**

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness

To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 1:8-10*

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful (3x)
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us (2x)
Mercy

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 6:37-39*

Jesus said: 'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

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.

***YOUR WILL BE DONE**

Your will be done, my God and father, as in Heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, Oh, lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross
To bear my sin, what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise,
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all your saints I sing
Father, not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high

And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray
Father, not my will but Yours be done. (3x)

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.)

To give online:

Sermon Series—Philippians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Christian Arithmetic—Philippians 3:1-11

[1]Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no
trouble to me and is safe for you. [2]Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers,
look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who
worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the
flesh—[4]though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else
thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5]circumcised on the
eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as
to the law, a Pharisee; [6]as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness
under the law, blameless. [7]But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of
Christ. [8]Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and
count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in him, not
having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes
through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—[10]that I
may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings,
becoming like him in his death, [11]that by any means possible I may attain the
resurrection from the dead.

I. Jesus + Your Gain = Your Loss

II. Your Loss + Jesus = Your Gain

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. How does Paul speaking of rejoicing in verse one tie together what he has already written about with what is to follow? What does it mean to "rejoice in the Lord"?
2. What danger did the Judaizers pose to the early church? (Cf Galatians 2:4-5 & 5:11-12; 2 Corinthians 11:12-13). Why is Paul so adamant in condemning them?
3. How do we try and live out an impressive résumé before God? What does it mean to count my gain as a loss?
4. What is the importance of theological training for ministers in the church? Why do so many think this is not a big deal?
5. In the final day, what is it that will enable me to stand righteous before God's judgment?

Children's Question

We often speak of being saved by grace, but we still try and live out our lives by our own efforts. Why do we do this? Do my best efforts mean that God has to reward me?

*HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
(Chorus 3x)

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.

***CHRISTUS VICTOR (AMEN)**

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of Wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah Amen

O Most High Dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

(Chorus)
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah

With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever
(Chorus 2x)

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen

***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: Cornerstone Community Church, Pastor Luke Knoll

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Mission to the World (MTW), the global mission-sending agency of the PCA

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EVENTS: Ladies, today is your last chance to sign up for the Italian-themed dinner that will be on Tues, Nov. 17, from 6-8 pm.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: Please drop off your shoebox(es) in the foyer TODAY! If you forgot, the community dropoff location is at Easthaven Baptist Church. You can reach out to them for times or check the OCC website.

ANNUAL THANKS SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL: will be next Sunday, November 22, at 6 pm. Sign up in the foyer to bring a pie!

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off the Christmas season by decorating the church for the holidays on Sat., Nov. 28, at 10 am. The more the merrier to transform our sanctuary for the season.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE: Ladies of Faith Covenant are invited to a cookie exchange at 6 pm on the evening of Sun., Dec. 6. Bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and go home with an assortment of delicious treats.

REFUGE GIFT CARDS: Our church's annual gift card drive for clients of the Refuge is going on now through Dec. 6! ($10-$20 gift cards to area grocery stores like Walmart/Smiths/Super 1/etc. are the easiest to distribute) The more donations we get, the more we can bless these ladies! Drop your gift cards off in the box at the church office by Thurs., Dec. 3, or bring them to the cookie exchange on Dec. 6.

COOKIE DECORATING CLASS: will be held in the church kitchen on December 16 at 6 pm. Class is limited to 12, but a mom+child combo counts as 1. No cost, supplies provided. Sign up in the foyer!

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = $695,132 Actual YTD Offerings = $593,494

If you have questions about the FCC budget, please reach out to Terry Falk.

SERVING: November On-Call Deacon - Scott Cunningham

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: D. Neeley & H. Smith / Darrach Family
Children's Church: H. & Z. Hanson / J. Benson & S. Calvi
Nursery: Buis Family / Walker Family
Fellowship Hosts: C. Duncan & A. Hobus
Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner / J. Benson

Next Sunday November 22

Ushers: N. Hanson & H. Smith / Darrach Family
Children's Church: H. & Z. Hanson / J. Benson & S. Calvi
Nursery: Hobus Family / Wilbur Family
Fellowship Hosts: K. Bay & G. Tronstad
Communion Prep/Cleanup: L. Murdock / H. Embry

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