FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 22, 2026

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Philippians 3:12

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: *David Halliburton, Living Waters*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Revelation 19:1, 2, 5*

Leader: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just.

All: **Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.**

*Indicates when to stand.
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***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.

***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

***HOW GREAT THOU ART** - *Hymn #44*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed

(Chorus)
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art
(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 7:15, 20-23*

There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

All: Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and defiled. Out of our hearts come love of this world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. We thirst for your cleansing, O God. Forgive us, renew and transform us; take away our defilement through Jesus your Son, in whose name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Revelation 21:6-7*

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

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.

***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)

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

Online Giving

ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

(Chorus)
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.
(Chorus)

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.
(Chorus)

O for grace to trust Him more!

Sermon Series—Philippians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Pressing On—Philippians 3:12-4:1

3:12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to
make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13]Brothers, I do not
consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies
behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14]I press on toward the goal for
the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. [15]Let those of us who are
mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal
that also to you. [16]Only let us hold true to what we have attained. [17]Brothers, join
in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example
you have in us. [18]For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even
with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19]Their end is destruction, their
god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
[20]But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus
Christ, [21]who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the
power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand
firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

I. En Route Still

II. Avoiding Dangers Along the Way

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. Why is passivity never the right response to God's grace?
2. How do verses 13-14 speak against any notion of "Christian perfection" in this life? Why do many try to insist on being able to live a completely sinless life?
3. In verse 15, "we find underlying this passage a doctrine of both the Spirit and the Church which is remarkedly hopeful and robust: Paul trusts the Spirit to bring the Church to a knowledge of the truth, and to reveal to it the areas where its thinking is 'out of step' with the pattern of life in Christ" –M. Bockmuehl. Why is this such a struggle for believers to make room for others to grow?
4. What does Paul mean in verse 18 that some have made themselves enemies of the cross? What keeps our eyes elevated to heavenly matters?
5. In verse 20, what is significant about "citizenship" for these Philippian believers living in a Roman colony? What is Paul reminding them of?

Children's Question

Following Jesus is never a passive journey and we do not fully arrive in this life. How does Jesus keep us motivated in the slow parts of the journey and protected in the dangerous parts?

***BLESSED ASSURANCE** - *Hymn #693*

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Chorus)
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Chorus 2x)

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***ALL MY BOAST IS IN JESUS**

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride, be crucified
The work is finished

(Chorus)
All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is His love
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy?
(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)
O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ, my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me
(Chorus)

Now I stand in His freedom
Ransomed, clean in His sight
And I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ (3x)

***BENEDICTION**

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the serviæ.

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: Faith Free Lutheran, Pastor Tim Herset

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

ANNUAL THANKS SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL: is TONIGHT at 6 pm. Come for a brief service of Thanksgiving and song, followed by a pie social in the fellowship hall.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off Christmas 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!

SERVING: November On-Call Deacon - Scott Cunningham

Today (1st service/2nd service)
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

Next Sunday November 29
Ushers: R&M Wilkerson / Bonner Family
Children's Church: H. & Z. Hanson / A. Brown & Family
Nursery: N. Streeter & T. Jentz / K. Anderson & Family
Fellowship Hosts: A. Haymond & P. Albert
Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / S. Calvi

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