FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 8, 2026

So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men.

Philippians 2:29

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: *Katy Clasquin: Nightlight Christian Adoptions*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 47:1-2, 6-7*

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(cont. opposite)

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All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***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

***HE WILL BE**

God is faithful to His word
Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Faithful He has been, faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word returns complete
To His truth I cling when the night is deep
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt
He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Gracious He has been, gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song
Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves, He has redeemed

(Chorus)
Worthy He has been, Worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be

(Bridge 2x)
He is my provider, covenant protector
All my hope is in the Lord my God
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer
All my hope is in the Lord my God
(Chorus 2x)

Worthy He has been, worthy He will be

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: **Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son—our Savior—Jesus. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: **Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

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.

***JESUS SHALL REIGN** *- Hymn #441, v. 1, 3-5*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall rise and set no more.

People and realms of every tongue,
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim,
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring,
The highest honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeats the loud amen!

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.)

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)

THE GOD WE LOVE (NICENE CREED)

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty the Maker of all
The One who rules the seen and unseen, we believe and we adore
Jesus Christ one Lord of creation from the Father, begotten not made
He is the Light from Light eternal and the God of every age

(Chorus)
All glory to the Father now
All honor to the Son
And praise the Spirit now and always
This is the God we love

For this world and for our salvation, He came down from the heavens above
Born of a virgin and the Spirit, truly man and truly God
He was crucified under Pilate, suffered death and was laid in the grave
And in accordance with the scriptures on the third He rose again
(Chorus)

(Bridge)
And Christ has made His ascent into the heavens above
Where He sits at the Father's right hand now
But He will come back again and He will judge in truth
The Holy Spirit has come, voice of the prophets of God
Sent to us he has given us new life, forgiven now and baptized
One holy church we rise, we rise
(Chorus 2x)

This is the God we love

Now we wait to be resurrected
And we look for the world without end
This is our creed our faith our anthem
This is the God we love

Sermon Series—Philippians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
A Service-Centered Life—Philippians 2:19-30

[19]I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. [20]For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. [21]For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. [22]But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. [23]I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, [24]and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. [25]I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, [26]for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. [27]Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. [28]I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. [29]So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, [30]for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

I. Admirable Saints

II. Appreciating Service

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. Who was Timothy? What is Paul's reason for sending him to Philippi? Look up 1 Corinthians 4:17, 16:10; 1 Thessalonians 3:2-6; Colossians 1:1; Philippians 1:1, Acts 16; Hebrews 13:23; & Romans 16:21.
2. How are Timothy and Epaphroditus examples of what Paul has been talking about in chapter 2:1-18?
3. What do these verses teach us about the nature of Christian ministry? What are challenges about this type of lived ministry in a digital and virtual age?
4. What surprises us about Epaphroditus' sickness? Some today say that we should expect healing every time when we pray for others and they often speak of being a NT church. How would you respond to this? Consider: 2 Timothy 4:20, 2 Kings 13:14, Mark 6:5.
5. Christlike community comes at a personal cost. Where is the Lord stretching your faith to having a more lived-out presence with others?

Children's Question

The life of the Church is lived out by real people doing real things for one another. How is this a challenge to you personally? In what ways does this call us to face -to-face relationships and not just virtual ones?

*YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh, how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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

***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION** *- Hymn #94 (1-4,6)*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

***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
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge Ministries

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EVENTS: There will be a jewelry-making class on Wed., Nov. 11, from 6:30-7:30 pm, an Italian-themed dinner on Tues, Nov. 17, from 6-8 pm, and **NEW**: a Cookie Decorating Class to be held in the church kitchen on Dec. 16 at 6 pm. Class is limited to 12, but a mom+child combo counts as 1. No cost, supplies provided. More information and signup sheets for 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 next Sun., Nov. 15.

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Mark your calendars! 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.

SERVING: November On-Call Deacon - Scott Cunningham

Today (1st service/2nd service)
Ushers: M&G Tronstad / Mattern Family
Children's Church: L. Vander Ark & S. May / Z. Falk & N. Lancaster
Nursery: Bergstedt Family / R&N Hamling
Fellowship Hosts: S. Sullivan & K. Anderson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond & N. Moody

Next Sunday November 15
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

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