

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 14, 2025

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Genesis 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: *Psalms 99:1-5*

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits
enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The
LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is
he!**

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established
equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in
Jacob.

**All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!**

**Indicates
when to stand.
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***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!
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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

***KING OF KINGS**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful desires and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior—Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20)

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.

(continued opposite)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the atonement for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*JESUS PAID IT ALL - Hymn 308

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, your power and yours alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's lamb.

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

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
participate.)

THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

Sermon Series—God’s Generational Faithfulness

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

The Family Falls—Genesis 3:1-8

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

I. Alone once more

II. Atoned once for all

Questions for Further Reflection

1. The serpent tells Adam and Eve that God's boundary is not for their wellbeing but is actually an impediment to their growth and pleasure. How is this attitude seen throughout our society now?
2. Fear has entered into the relationship of Man toward God. Whenever we cannot trust the goodness of God and be willing to submit to his wisdom, fear is the result. Compare Genesis 3:10 (Adam); 20:11 (Abraham); and 26:9 (Isaac). How has this been seen in your own life?
3. Adam and Eve are unable to deal with their shame, but the Lord can. What does clothing them foreshadow?
4. Consider: "Our mistake is to pursue autonomous freedom. Freedom which does not discern the boundaries of human life leaves us anxious. The attempts to resolve anxiety in our culture are largely psychological, economic, cosmetic. They are bound to fail because they do not approach the causes."—W. Bruegemann. How does the freedom we have in Christ address this failure?
5. In looking at the rest of Genesis, how has the fall played itself out in terms of human sexual sin and broken families?
6. In the consequences of the fall, Adam turned from being a protector of Eve to being her accuser. The human body, rather than being a communicator of spiritual reality, is now a source of resistance to the spirit. Man is fractured at his core level between Body and spirit. How does Jesus restore this rupture?

Children's Question

Adam and Eve ate the fruit that God had told them not to eat. They hid from God because they were ashamed. How does Jesus remove the shame of our sins so we don't have to hide from God or 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.

***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

**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 on 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.

***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 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: Hope Pregnancy Ministries

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Kevin & Sarah Johnson, serving in Medellín, Colombia; currently on educational leave in the U.S.

VESPERS: Tonight at 6 pm. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

YOUTH GROUP: Starts this Wednesday night, Sept. 17! Middle & High Schoolers are invited to come for worship, prayer, dinner, discipleship, and fun! Middle School [6th - 8th grade] from 5:30 - 7 pm; High School from 6:45 - 8:15 pm.

SEPTEMBER SHEPHERDING GROUPS:

- Tim Anderson/Ryan Petersen - TODAY
- Don Olmsted/Bruce Tulloch - Sept. 21

REFUGE TRAINING: All are invited to a Refuge training this Sat, Sept. 20 from 8-4. As always, if you're interested in becoming a mentor in our program, this is part of the required training, so take advantage of this opportunity and join us! Please sign up in the foyer if you're interested.

NEW FOLKS' LUNCHEON: Scott & Hannah Cunningham will be hosting a lunch potluck at their home after the 2nd service next Sun., Sept. 21, for all new(ish) Faith Covenant attendees. If that description fits you, or if you're enrolled in the new members class, sign up in the foyer!

QUILTING CREW: The next sewing session @ the church is Sept. 25 from 9-3.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FALL KICKOFF: The ladies of Faith Covenant are invited to a Soup & Cider Luncheon following the 2nd service on Sept. 28th. More information and signups in the foyer

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY: on God's Covenant Promises, beginning Wed., Oct. 1. More information and signups in the foyer.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted YTD Budget = \$461,164; YTD Offerings Received = \$471,154

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

SERVING: September On-Call Deacon: Wade Carroll

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Carrolls / Bonners
Children's Church: Tinkhams / S. Salyer & G. von O
Nursery: Ourslands / Josts
Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & K. Anderson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / C. Scrima

Next Sunday September 21

Ushers: N&H Hanson / Ecks
Children's Church: T&T Jentz / J&J Brown
Nursery: Buis family / Wilburs
Fellowship Hosts: A. Haymond, C. Scrima, & L. Scrima
Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner / T. Paolini

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Sunday Evening Prayer Svc

Non-Vespers Sundays @ 6 pm

Wednesday Youth Group

5:30-7pm (MS) / 6:45-8:15 pm (HS)

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am

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