

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 16, 2025

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.

Zephaniah 3:17

Our worship is
a response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of
our worship
reflects the
gospel.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Gideons*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalms 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.

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - *Hymn #115*

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice with us and sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (cont.)**

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
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!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

God Calls Us

The Lord
summons his
people to
worship and we
respond in
obedience.
The Lord's call
is a call to
action. We
gather, praise,
adore, give
thanks.
The Call to
Worship is a
joyful summons
and a clear
reminder that
worship is our
coming into
God's presence
by his
command, and
not our
command that
He come into
our presence.

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus)

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.

LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL

Lord from sorrows deep I call when my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed, God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul, questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll, God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul, hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold cause this heart to praise You

Should my life be torn from me, every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief, God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night, Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight Lord my heart will praise You

*Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation*

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.'

God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

***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)*

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.)

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS! - Hymn #498

Jesus! what a friend for sinners, Jesus, lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah what a Savior! Hallelujah what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing, he my strength my victory wins

(Chorus)

Jesus! what a help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking, he my comfort helps my soul

(Chorus)

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he my pilot, hears my cry.

(Chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series—God’s Generational Faithfulness
Pastor John Sackett
Sustaining Hope in Exile—Zephaniah 3:8-20

⁸“Therefore wait for me,” declares the Lord, “for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger; for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed. ⁹“For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord. ¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering. ¹¹“On that day you shall not be put to shame because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against me; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain. ¹²But I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord, ¹³those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.” ¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The 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. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the Lord.

Even in exile there is hope, because God is faithful to His promises.

I. In Judgment: God’s enemies are wiped away

II. In Purification: sin and its effects are wiped clean

III. In Restoration: relationships with God and man are restored

God Consecrates Us
Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

Questions for Further Reflection

1. Verse 11 shows that God's children will no longer be ashamed. O. Palmer Robertson remarks, "not because they had no guilt but because God took it away." How can that truth help you? Who else are you praying for that could use this good news?
2. One of God's promises is that we be a people of pure speech. While this is a reversal of Babel, it also suggests other changes He will bring in our lives. Are you seeing those changes in your life? What changes might you need to consider?
3. J. Alec Motyer remarks that once sin has been dealt with "there is nothing to alienate the Holy One; at-one-ment has been achieved." This clever spelling of atonement gives us much to consider. What does being "at one" with God mean in your life? Does it give you confidence, peace, joy, determination – and to what end?
4. Have you thought about God "exulting over you with loud singing" before? Do you see yourself as worth singing about? God does! How could believing His word here change your life?

Children's Question

I hope you love singing about Jesus. Did you know that Jesus loves singing about you? In Zephaniah 3:17 and Hebrews 2:11-12 we learn that God likes to sing too – about you!

***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.

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.

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord
strengthens and
nourishes our faith
through a
sacramental meal.
Through Jesus,
communion with
God has been
reestablished. The
covenant has been
renewed. The
Lord's Supper is
the gospel made
visible for us and
we share in it as
the full community
of God's
people.

***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.

**God
Commissions
Us**

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge and Turning Point Ministries

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Trinity Center for World Missions

MISSIONS MEAL: TODAY after the 2nd service, come enjoy a meal together and learn more about Trinity Center for World Mission. Charlie King, chairman of the board at TCWM, will be joining us, along with James & Belinda Mileur, who will talk about their time working on the TCWM campus in Kapchorwa, Uganda.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: Collection Sunday is TODAY! If you forgot to bring your shoebox, there are a plethora of dropoff times at Easthaven Baptist Church throughout the week. Call them for more information.

GENEVA RELIEF FUND OFFERING: We will be taking a special offering next week to benefit retired pastors, widows, and other PCA ministry staff in need.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL: Join us at 6 pm next Sun., Nov. 23, for a special service of Thanksgiving followed by a pie social. Sign up in the foyer to bring a pie to share.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the holidays on Sat., Nov. 29, at 10 am. The more the merrier to transform our sanctuary for the season.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA: There is a table in the foyer with lots of information and sign-up sheets for the Christmas Tea, which will be on Dec. 6 at 4 pm. Ladies, stop by and sign up!

REFUGE GIFT CARDS: Leading up to the Christmas Tea, our church will be collecting gift cards for the Refuge ladies. (\$20 cards to Walmart/Smiths/Super 1 are the most helpful) The more donations we get, the more we can bless these ladies! Bring gift cards to the office by Thurs., Dec. 4, or ladies can bring them to the Christmas Tea.

FCC DIRECTORIES: A limited number of updated directories are available in the church office. Please take one per family. If we run out, more will be available next week. Also, if you would like a "large print" version, please let the church office know.

SERVING: November On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Hobus Family / Lancasters

Children's Church: Russells / Z. Falk & N. Lancaster

Nursery: Morrisons / Hernandez Family

Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & E. Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner / N. Moody

Next Sunday November 23

Ushers: Ushers: C. Duncan & R. Hadley / Lancasters

Children's Church: Russells / J&J Brown

Nursery: Vander Arks / Walkers

Fellowship Hosts: P. Albert, C. Scrima, & L. Scrima

Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / 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