

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 23, 2025

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act.
Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and
your people are called by your name.

Daniel 9:19

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

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*PRAISE HIS NAME (PSALM 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

(Chorus)

*O praise His name, O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge)

King enthroned in majesty, all things made by His decree
Hear creation's melody, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
Everything with life and breath, everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead, praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain, "Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"
Name above all other names, praise Him

(Chorus 2x)

*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 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!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
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)

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."

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.

***ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT**

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

(Chorus)
It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host
Dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine
(Chorus 2x)

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes, I'll thank you for the cross
(Chorus 2x)

Merit now my own

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)*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

(Chorus)

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

(Chorus)

Offering

Today is our annual special offering to benefit retired pastors, widows, and other PCA ministry staff in need. Please use one of the special envelopes (found in the foyer) and/or make checks out to **The Relief Fund**.

Sermon Series—God’s Generational Faithfulness

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Exile & Return: Daniel 9:4-19

⁴I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you... ¹⁸O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

I. How did we get here?

II. Where are we going?

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Why was the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile such a shock to a people who had been well warned? Where have you been shocked by the “obvious” in your own life? What keeps us from hearing the warnings?
2. One of the challenging parts of understanding the prophets is that they speak of near events and far events often in the same sentence. What are some interpretive helps for us to navigate this?
3. Why were those who returned so disappointed with the results of their efforts?
4. There are large swaths of history for God’s people where little seems to be happening. Many try and convince us that great and powerful things are happening when they simply are not. How do we continue to be faithful in the days of ordinary things?
5. The prophetic silence from Malachi to Matthew was a great discouragement for God’s people. How does Jesus strengthen your faith in those great seasons of “silence”?

Children’s Question

How do you live faithfully to the Lord in ordinary living? How does Jesus encourage you those moments when little seems to be happening?

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.

**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.

***GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar;
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)
Goodbye

***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.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(see FCC observance opposite)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Repeat All)

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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor: Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor: John Sackett

Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Director of Women's Ministries: Sarah Morrison Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley

Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody

*Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann,
Don Olmsted, Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham*

*Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Jeff McGarvey,
Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Cornerstone Community Church, Pastor Luke Knoll

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Trinity Center for World Missions

GENEVA RELIEF FUND OFFERING: We are collecting our annual special offering today to benefit retired pastors, widows, and other PCA ministry staff in need. Please make checks out to The Relief Fund or use one of the special offering envelopes located in the pew backs.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL: TONIGHT at 6pm we will have a special service of Thanksgiving followed by a pie social.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no men's breakfast or youth group on Wed., Nov. 26.

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

LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA & COOKIE EXCHANGE: will be on Sat., Dec. 6 at 4 pm.
Ladies, you can sign up in the foyer.

REFUGE GIFT CARDS: Leading up to the Christmas Tea, our church will be collecting gift cards for the Refuge ladies. (\$10-\$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: Updated church directories are available in the church office. Please take one per family.

HOLIDAY SEASON SERVICE TIMES: Please note that there will be NO Sunday school and the service times will be at 8:15 & 10:15 for the following dates: Dec. 14, Dec. 21, & Dec. 28. We will return to our regular schedule when Sunday school resumes on Jan. 4.

WELCOME! New & returning Faith Covenant members: Dave & Kathy Eroh, Rod and Mary Ann Wilkerson, and Steve & Nell Johnson.

SERVING: November Deacon - Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

Next Sunday November 30

Ushers: N&H Hanson / von Olhausen Family

Children's Church: A. Ingram & E. Morin / J. Thompson

Nursery: Streits / Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: N. Moody & L. Gomez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Tronstad / A. Tinkham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

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

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

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am

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