

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 18, 2026



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

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: *Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

*Indicates when to stand.

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*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!

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!

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

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*PSALM 90 (SATISFY US WITH YOUR LOVE)

You have been our dwelling place
O Everlasting God
Before You formed the mountain tops
You were before it all
And soon our lives turn back to dust

(Chorus)

*When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts forget all Your goodness
Satisfy us with Your love*

The wrath of God poured out for sin
On Jesus crucified
Consider Him our hiding place
Our shelter is alive
Because He lived and died for us
(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Teach us, Lord
To number our days on Earth
Give us more
Wisdom in the secret heart
As You displayed amazing grace
In Jesus Christ for us
(Chorus)

When the sun comes up satisfy us
Before the day has passed us by
Before our hearts give up, Spirit fill us

Satisfy us with Your love (3x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

COME, O SINNER

Come, O sinner, come and see
Christ the Lord upon a tree
See the crown of thorns adorn the King
Who labors to breathe in agony
Come, O sinner, come and see
What our God became to set us free

Come, O sinner, come and mourn
For He calls your sin His own
Do you feel the weight of justice served?
He suffers the wrath that you deserve
Come, O sinner, come and mourn
For He bears the curse for all you've done

SILENT CONFSSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-20*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

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.

COME, O SINNER, *cont.

(Chorus)

Oh, the wonder of this awesome scene

Where our Savior bleeds

Oh, the power of the love of God

Come and stand in awe

Come, O sinner, come rejoice

Mercy fills this place of scorn

For He dies to save His enemies

That all who draw near may know His peace

Come, O sinner, come rejoice

Through the death of Christ, death is destroyed

(Chorus)

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

Joseph and Justice Anderson & family

Griffin and Cindy Browne

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.)

*‘TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - *Hymn #679*

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(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!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood!

(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

(Chorus)

Sermon Series—Life Sunday

John Sackett

Abundant Life—John 10:1-18

¹“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

The abundant life Jesus provides is rich with relationships and sacrifice.

The Abundant Life flows from...

I. A rich and trusting relationship with Jesus

II. Selfless sacrifice like Jesus

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. In this section Jesus describes Himself both as the gate and as the Shepherd. How do each of these images help us to see Jesus more clearly?
2. Who were the thieves and robbers in Jesus' day? Who are the thieves and robbers today?
3. What's the first thing you think of when you hear "Abundant Life"? How does that picture fit with Jesus' use of this phrase?
4. Elsewhere in John's writing Jesus is described as the true vine, or true bread, or true Light. Here He is the "good" shepherd. Why might John have made that change? How does that help us understand His ongoing ministry?
5. As you ponder Christ's sacrifice for you and His call to you to sacrificial living, what changes might you need to make to be truly following His voice?

Children's Question

The Bible often uses the picture of sheep and shepherds. Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd? How does this picture give you comfort? How does it challenge you?

*CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

(Chorus)

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore

(Chorus 2x)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - *Hymn #94, vs 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. — Associate Pastor: John Sackett | Youth & Family Pastor: Jake Neufeld

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

*Deacons: Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch*

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

Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham

Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Pregnancy Ministries

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS: MTW Internships

SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK: Tinkham/Falk/Cunningham group will have a time of fellowship TODAY, following the 2nd service.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: is tonight at 6 pm.

WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY: The 9:30 am group that meets at Faith Covenant begins THIS Wed., Jan. 21. The group that meets at the Johnson's home will have its first meeting the following week (Jan. 28) at 1 pm. If you're signed up, make sure to pick up your book & workbook in the church office and drop off your \$15.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual congregational meeting will be Wed., Jan. 28. A 6 pm soup supper will precede the 7 pm. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend. Sign up in the foyer to bring a pot of soup or a side to share. Annual Reports are now available; please take one per family. Questions can be directed to Tom Jentz or John Sackett.

FEBRUARY SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

- Riley/Thompson: Feb. 1
- Iddings/Carroll: Feb. 15

FRIDAY ENEWSLETTER: Please let the church office know if you'd like to be added to the church newsletter audience.

SERVING: January On-Call Deacon - Wade Carroll

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Petersen Family / Lancaster Family

Children's Church: A&C Hanson / J&J Brown

Nursery: M&J Mattocks / S&B Votapka

Fellowship Hosts: P. Saldamando & E. Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / N. Moody

Next Sunday January 25

Ushers: Petersen Family / Lancaster Family

Children's Church: A&C Hanson / J&J Brown

Nursery: Riekes / J. Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: G. Tronstad & J. Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: J. Eck / C&L Scrima

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

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

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am