

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*February 8, 2026*

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.  
The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.

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Revelation 2:11

**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: *1 Chronicles 16:23-27*

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

\*Indicates  
when to stand.

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## \*WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us  
When Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against  
*What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)*

## 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

### \*O WORSHIP THE KING - *Hymn #2*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Most Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and dedicated heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy upon us O Lord, according to your loving kindness.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. And all of this we ask through the name of our Redeemer—Jesus.

*(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer-1946)*

## SILENT CONFSSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 5:11-12*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

**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.

## \*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS - Hymn #307

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
(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.)

## \*HOUSE OF GOD, FOREVER (PSALM 23)

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear, 'cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast

    In the presence of enemies

Surely goodness will follow me, follow me

    In the house of God forever

*(Repeat All)*

*Sermon Series—Revelation*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*To the Churches—Revelation 2-3*

*Revelation 2:1-11 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup>“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’ <sup>8</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. <sup>9</sup>“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

I. A Call to Overcome

## II. A Victory Promised

**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. The short letters to the seven churches are composed as a single piece and not simply a collection gathered together. When seen as a whole, what is the overall message to the churches? How do the warnings compare with Jesus' warnings to the disciples?  
(Matthew 24:4-13)
2. Consider: "Jesus' voice comforts our weak and wounded hearts, diagnoses our diseases, shatters our dreams of ease here and now, calls us forward to the consummation of his victory in the new Jerusalem. His voice addresses us today in his letters to the seven churches of Asia, for each letter is what the Spirit says to all the churches."—Dennis Johnson. How are you being called to hear Jesus' voice afresh and anew? How does Jesus fortify you against the assaults of the Evil one?
3. When you look at the messages to the churches, what does overcoming or conquering look like?
4. The challenges of remaining faithful to Christ in a sinful world are real for every church in every generation. What are some take-aways from these seven churches that you can use as a mirror for your own life?
5. What is the foundation of the hope we have as Christians? How does this hope fuel the exhortation to remain faithful?

### Children's Question

*There are no perfect people or perfect churches. The good news of Jesus gives us hope that encourages us to be faithful. Are there areas of your life in which you need to be more faithful to Jesus? How does Jesus strengthen your faithfulness?*

## \*HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ  
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies  
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should  
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord  
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn  
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood  
For I know that He is working for His glory and my good

*(Chorus)*

*To our God be the glory  
To our God be praise  
He alone the name above all names  
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God  
For I know His glory is my good*

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day  
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise  
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood  
Yes, I know that He has saved me for His glory and my good  
*(Chorus)*

### **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.

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more  
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all  
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood  
*And with joy my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good*  
*(Chorus 2x)*

Yes I know His glory is my good

## 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

### \*BECAUSE HE LIVES

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

(Chorus)

*Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

(Chorus)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone

I know He holds my life

My future in His hands

(Chorus 2x)

### \*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,  
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:** Central Bible Church, Pastor Peter Barber

**FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS:** Kelli Hansen, serving with One Collective in Athens, Greece

**QUILTING BEE:** Meet at Arlene Wilson's home on Feb. 12 and/or Feb. 26 from 9:00 - 3:00 to work together to make gifts for Faith Covenant's new babies and brides. Lunch is provided! For more information or to RSVP, reach out to Arlene.

**LADIES QUARTERLY COLLOQUIUM—TEACHING:** On Sat., Feb. 21, from 9-3, the ladies of Faith Covenant are invited to look at the heart of a teacher, the mind of a learner, how to prepare, communicate, and lead a teaching/study. This colloquium will focus specifically on teaching in a Bible study setting but can be applied to various teaching contexts. Cost is \$5 for lunch and workbook. Sign up in the foyer.

**MISSIONS MEAL:** Sign up in the foyer to bring something to share at our next missions potluck. On Sunday, February 22, following the 2nd service, we will share in a Greek-themed lunch and hear from Kelli Hansen, who will be sharing about her upcoming work with One Collective in Athens!

**COOKIE DECORATING:** The hospitality team would love to invite the ladies of Faith Covenant to learn more about their mentoring program. Our first event will be a cookie decorating lesson at Deanna Kotila's home on Feb. 28. More information and signups in the foyer.

**MARCH SHEPHERDIN GROUP POTLUCKS:**

- Tim Anderson/Ryan Peterson - 3/1
- Tom Jentz (formerly Don Olmsted)/Bruce Tulloch - 3/15

**SERVING:** February On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: N&H Hanson / B&K Bay

Children's Church: D. Tinkham / T&K Anderson

Nursery: K. Haymond & T. Jentz / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: C. Duncan & A. Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / H. Embry

**Next Sunday February 15**

Ushers: W&T Carroll / S&G Johnson

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

Nursery: Morrisons / S&B Votapka

Fellowship Hosts: R&C Bitney and E. Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / Y. Hernandez

**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