

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 15, 2026

“....day and night they never cease to say, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’”

Revelation 4:8b

**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 16:28-33*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

All: Give to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: Tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

*Indicates
when to stand.

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*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - *Hymn #53*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who does prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

*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

*HE WILL BE

God is faithful to His word
Even when there seems no way
Though time may pass His memory will not fade
His promises will never fail

Faithful He has been, faithful He will be
Time and time again His Word returns complete
To His truth I cling when the night is deep
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be

God is gracious when I doubt
He draws near though I retreat
Though I may wander through the wilderness
He goes with me and gives me peace

Gracious He has been, gracious He will be
What I don't deserve the Father gives to me
Where He leads my feet I shall not want or need
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be

God is worthy of my song
Countless are His awesome deeds
His mighty hand has parted raging seas
For those He loves, He has redeemed

(Chorus)
*Worthy He has been, Worthy He will be
Crowned in endless praise all earth and heaven sing
Holy is the Lord who reigns in majesty
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be*

(Bridge 2x)
He is my provider, covenant protector
All my hope is in the Lord my God
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer
All my hope is in the Lord my God

(Chorus)

Worthy He has been, worthy He will be

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 7:1-3*

My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

TRISAGION

Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, mercy, mercy
Upon us
(Repeat all)

SILENT CONFSSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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.

*PSALM 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed loosed with joy

Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord

(Chorus)

*Although we are weeping
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy*

The nations will say He has done great things

The nations will sing songs of joy

Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord

(Chorus 2x)

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.)

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)*

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS - *Hymn #481*

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

(Chorus)

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of his glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion—
for more than conqu'rors we are!

(Chorus)

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
believe Him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell!

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series—Revelation
John Sackett
Man's Chief End—Revelation 4

¹After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” ²At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” ⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

When God's children see Him rightly, glorious worship results.

Glorious Worship occurs when...

I. We understand why we worship

II. We rightly observe how to worship

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.

III. We see clearly who we worship

Questions for Further Reflection

1. Our Shorter Catechism declares that “man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” How does Revelation 4 reveal that to be a good summary statement of our life’s goal? How does this compare with your priorities in life?
2. Are the numbers mentioned (7, 4, 24) important? Why or why not?
3. Many scholars state that John drew from Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Daniel as his source for this chapter. What is the problem with this idea? As we consider our own “encounters” with Jesus or ways to deepen our relationship with God, what are our essential resources?
4. What is significant about the hymn in verse 8, and with the hymns throughout Revelation? How can this inform our own use of hymns in our corporate, family, and personal worship?
5. NT Scholar Thomas Schreiner citing others notes that “worship begins in the present and extends forever.” As you thoughtfully consider that, how does that truth begin to shape your posture in adversity and your priorities in life?

Children’s Question

One of the great stories in the New Testament is in Mark 10, where Jesus rebukes the disciples for trying to stop the children who wanted to come to Jesus. How can that desire to come to Jesus stay alive throughout your life?

***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!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**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 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.

*WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom
(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: Christ Lutheran Church, Pastor Dylan Curtis

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

LADIES QUARTERLY COLLOQUIUM—TEACHING: This 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, and 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: Last day to sign up to bring something to share at our next missions potluck. Next Sunday, Feb. 22, following the 2nd service, we will enjoy a Greek-themed lunch and hear from Kelli Hansen, who will be sharing about her upcoming work with One Collective in Athens.

QUILTING BEE: Meet at Arlene Wilson's home on 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.

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 on Feb. 28. More information and signups in the foyer.

MARCH SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

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

FREEZER MEAL PARTY: Looking for a practical, collaborative way to serve? It's time to re-stock the supply of freezer meals we use to bless members of the body amid births, moves, losses, and other times of need. Join us in the church kitchen from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, March 7. No culinary skills are necessary and lunch is provided! Please sign up in the foyer or contact Jessica Brown if you plan to attend.

OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER...with cups! Thank you for your donations of coffee mugs. We now have more than we need, so feel free to donate your extras elsewhere.

SERVING: February On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

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

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

Next Sunday February 22

Ushers: W&T Carroll / S&G Johnson

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

Nursery: Allinghams / Walkers

Fellowship Hosts: P. Albert & C. Scrima

Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond / R. McManus