

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 22, 2026

“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Revelation 5:5

**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 16:34-36*

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever!

All: Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver
us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to
your holy name, and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting
to everlasting!

All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from
everlasting to everlasting!

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***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING - Hymn #302**

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

***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

***KING OF KINGS**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust; from freedom in holiness to slavery in sin; from compassion to indifference; from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 10:19-22*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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.

***HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

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)*

ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

(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!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

(Chorus)

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

(Chorus)

O for grace to trust Him more!

Sermon Series—Revelation
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D
The Diverse Excellencies of Christ—Revelation 5:1-14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

I. A Lamb-Like Lion

II. A Lion-Like Lamb

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. Jesus is both a light to the world and a consuming fire. He is the “admirable conjunction of diverse excellencies.” How do we see this throughout the gospels?
2. Consider: “In nothing has Christ appeared so much as a lion, in glorious strength destroying his enemies, as when he was brought as a lamb to the slaughter. In his greatest weakness he was most strong.”—Jonathan Edwards. Why do we struggle with weakness overcoming the powers of the world?
3. Daniel was commanded to seal up a scroll in Daniel 12:4. Here, Jesus is opening a scroll that was once sealed. What does this tell us about the time from Jesus’ resurrection until now? How is it that all generations after Christ are in the latter days?
4. What is it about who Jesus is that resists people trying to domesticate or alter him into their own image?
5. The new song speaks of the absolute worthiness of Christ Jesus. His supremacy encourages God’s people who may be experiencing trials and tribulations. Where has he taken your sin and shame and transformed you into a joy-filled worshiper?

Children’s Question

*We are weak and helpless and need a victorious champion.
How did Jesus, our great champion, conquer by becoming weak?*

***IS HE WORTHY?**

(Women Lead – Men Echo)

Do you feel the world is broken? *(We do)*
Do you feel the shadows deepen? *(We do)*
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? *(We do)*
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *(We do)*

(Men Lead – Women Echo)

Is all creation groaning? *(It is)* Is a new creation coming? *(It is)*
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *(It is)*
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *(It is)*

(All Together)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy of this? He is!

(Women Lead – Men Echo)

Does the Father truly love us? *(He does)*
Does the Spirit move among us? *(He does)*
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *(He does)*
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *(He does)*

(All Together)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*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)

*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: Ray of Hope & Peggy's House

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

MISSIONS MEAL: with Kelli Hansen is TODAY following the 2nd service!

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.

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.

MARCH SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

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

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: Allinghams / Walkers

Fellowship Hosts: P. Albert & C. Scrima

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

Next Sunday March 1

Ushers: Hobus Family / von Olhausen Family

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / J. Adney & C. Kliem

Nursery: G&C Bennett / Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: S. Salyer & K. Anderson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / A. Tinkham & K. Brown

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