

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 12, 2026

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our
Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

Revelation 11:15

**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 22:27-31; 21:13*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

All: For kingship belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

Leader: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

All: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

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***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - Hymn #295**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
his reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime
All hail! Redeemer hail! for Thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity

***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

***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)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

All: Our Lord and God, though we have been washed in the name of our Lord Jesus, we confess that we struggle to remain free from the stain of sin. We give in to the desires of our lusts; we see our many possessions and are greedy for more; our hearts are too often factories for idols. Forgive us our sins. Grant to us repentant hearts and wills that desire to strive for new and fresh obedience. May Jesus be glorified in our lives, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 20:6-7*

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our 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.

***THE GOODNESS OF JESUS**

Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

(Chorus)

*Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

(Chorus)

Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace

(Chorus x 2)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

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)*

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD - *Hymn #253*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Sermon Series—Revelation
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Protected and Persecuted—Revelation II

¹Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ²but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. ³And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” ⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth... ⁷And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, ⁸and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified... ¹⁵Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. ¹⁸The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

I. Protected—a secure future

II. Persecuted—a call to endure

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. What is the overall message of chapter 11? How is God's presence pictured in this chapter?
2. What are features from the text that help us to see the symbolism of what John is speaking of? Why is it likely that the two witnesses are not two specific individuals, but symbolic representations?
3. Recapitulation means to summarize or restate. In Revelation, this is seen when John restates the same idea from different perspectives. The purpose is to show increasing intensity. This makes the structure cyclical and not chronological. How does this help us organize the way we see the book in history?
4. What encourages you to endure from this text? Specifically, where are you being called to faithfulness? Are you also maintaining a loving disposition in this area?
5. Look at John 15:20. What about knowing this ahead of time comforts you? Where do we find our joy in the midst of suffering for our faith?

Children's Question

There are times when people make fun of our faith in Christ or even hurt people because they follow Jesus. Jesus suffered and he told his followers they will suffer too. How are you encouraged to remain faithful knowing this in advance?

***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

**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.

***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

Music Director: Lisa Iddings | Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Refuge & Turning Point

APRIL MISSION FOCUS: John Hudson & 100 Fold Studio

APRIL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

- Davis/Hanson: TODAY!
- Neumann/McGarvey/Jentz: next Sun., Apr. 19

MAY SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:

- Iddings/Carroll: May 3

BRIDAL SHOWER: You are invited to join us at the church this Fri., Apr. 17, 6-8pm, as we celebrate God's gift of marriage. Through prayer, conversation, and cake, we will celebrate the upcoming marriages of Anna Thompson, Abby Hudson, and Linda Sarkadi. For more info, contact Hannah Cunningham.

MISSION MEAL: There will be a mission meal on Sun., Apr., 26 after the second service to hear an update from the Berlin mission team. Sign up in the foyer to bring a dish to share at the German-themed luncheon.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Anticipated YTD Offerings = \$210,156 Actual YTD Offerings = \$177,428

If you have questions about the FCC budget, please reach out to Terry Falk or Wade Carroll

SERVING: April On-Call Deacon - Mike Thompson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: R. Hadley & C. Duncan / McManus Family
Children's Church: A&C Hanson / Z. Falk & N. Lancaster
Nursery: Morins / Hamlings
Fellowship Hosts: A. Ingram & D. Corder
Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / H. Embry

Next Sunday April 19

Ushers: J. Jenks & N. Streeter / Falk Family
Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / A. Brown
Nursery: M&J Mattocks / Z. Hanson & C. Kliem
Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & D. Kotila
Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond / T. Paolini

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