

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 14, 2024*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God  
for salvation to everyone who believes.

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Romans 1:16

*Our worship is  
a response to  
God's initiative.  
The pattern of  
our worship  
reflects the  
gospel.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 150**

Leader: Praise the LORD.

**All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.**

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**All: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,**

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

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when to stand.  
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## \*ALL PRAISE TO HIM

All praise to Him, the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son, the Servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness

*To Father, Son, and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To You, the triune God, we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### God Calls Us

The Lord  
summons his  
people to  
worship and we  
respond in  
obedience.

The Lord's call  
is a call to  
action. We  
gather, praise,  
adore, give  
thanks.

The Call to  
Worship is a  
joyful summons  
and a clear  
reminder that  
worship is our  
coming into  
God's presence  
by his  
command, and  
not our  
command that  
He come into  
our presence.

**\*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!

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10***

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

**All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**All: But I make you into who I want you to be.**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

*(cont. above)*

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful desires and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Adapted from the Ten Commandments - Exodus 20)*

## God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 2:17-18*

Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**\*WHAT LOVE, MY GOD**

What love my God would bring you down to earth  
What king would take a low and lonely birth  
Yet to this dark and broken place you came  
To sleep beneath the stars that you had made

What love my God would send the Way of Life  
To walk the road, rejected and despised  
That you might know the weakness I possess  
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

*(Chorus)*

*O Your love my God like a flood  
As heaven opened up pouring out on us  
O praise the King who came to the world  
In his love like a mighty flood*

What love my God could hold you to the tree  
To bear that overwhelming debt for me  
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side  
The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die  
*(Chorus)*

What love my God, so gracious and extreme  
Was strong enough to come and fight for me  
To go through hell and down into the grave  
And raise me up to see you face to face  
You raise me up to see you face to face  
*(Chorus 2x)*

In his love like a mighty flood

**CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:**

*Benjamin Zechariah Petersen*

## 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)*

### COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love*  
*Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above*

### 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.)

*Sermon Series: Romans*  
Pastor John Sackett  
*A Gospel for Everyone: Romans 1:1-12, 16-17*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup>For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup>always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup>For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—<sup>12</sup>that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ... <sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

*Because Jesus is King, our response to the power of the gospel for salvation includes a surrender to His gracious rule; and this is good news worth proclaiming.*

I. Jesus is King!



II. ...we must proclaim this

III. because that's how He saves

**God  
Consecrates Us**  
Consecrate  
means to make  
holy, to set apart.  
The Word of  
God does that  
for the lives of  
believers.  
Through the  
sermon, confes-  
sions of faith,  
and the offering  
we are sanctified  
for service to our  
Lord to joyfully  
offer up our lives  
to him.

### Questions for Further Reflection:

1. How did God use Paul's background to uniquely qualify him for his ministry?
2. What are some of the reasons Paul may have written Romans?
3. As Paul gives his initial greeting in verses 1-7, he spends more time introducing Christ. What does Paul want his audience to know about Jesus?
4. Verses 8-15 are full of "verbs expressing emotion and desire." What are examples of that? What drives his passion, or what is he passionate about? How does that compare with your passions?
5. Christopher Ash writes, "Only the Gospel humbles men and women to the ground, so that human pride ceases to make divisions and the church ceases to be a club but reaches out (from the ground as it were) to fellow sinners in love." Spend some time in prayer considering how you might need the gospel to work this way in your life.
6. Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel? Is this true of you?
7. How does the Habakkuk 2:4 quote 'the righteous shall live by faith' help explain verse 17?

### Children's Question

*Why is sharing good news with your friends usually so easy and enjoyable? As we think about that, how can that help us in sharing the good news of Jesus as a saving King?*

**God Communes  
with Us**  
The Lord  
strengthens and  
nourishes our  
faith through a  
sacramental  
meal. Through  
Jesus, commun-  
ion with God  
has been  
reestablished.  
The covenant  
has been  
renewed. The  
Lord's Supper is  
the gospel  
made visible for  
us and we share  
in it as the full  
community  
of God's  
people.

**\*THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION - Hymn #347**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord  
she is his new creation by water and the Word  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale  
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

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.*

### God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

#### Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

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

Staff: Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Jenny Mattern

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz,

Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Jeff McGarvey,

Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Bible Study Fellowship

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jim & Jill Hadlock, serving with CRU on the Jesus Film Project

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us for Vespers TONIGHT at 6:30pm. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

**JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP:** will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 6-7:30pm.

**WINTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Begin Wednesday, Jan. 24, with a study of *The Drama of Scripture*. There are sign up sheets in the foyer with different options for meeting days/times. Please pay for your books with cash or check in the foyer or use the link in the Friday eNewsletter.

**WORKSHOP ON *OUTSMARTING THE SCAMMERS*:** Email, texts, & social media are filled with scams. Join us in the FCC Fellowship Hall on Jan. 30 at 10:15am for a 45-minute presentation and Q&A with Jesse Rigler to learn ways to outsmart the scammers and avoid being scammed.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual congregational meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024. A 6pm soup supper will precede the 7pm meeting. Sign up in the foyer if you can bring a dish to share. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Jr./Sr. High Winter Camp will be February 16-18 at Dickey Lake. More information and signups coming soon.

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**SERVING:** January Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

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

Ushers: Hobuses / Steve Haymond & Bud Salyer

Children's Church: Ann Ingram & Eliana Morin / Julie Thompson

Nursery: Lorrie Gomez & Arline Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Dawn McGarvey / Jeanie Brenneman

**Next Sunday January 21**

Ushers: Maylon & Judy Peters / Bonners

Children's Church: Russells / Sharon Salyer & Gracyn von Olhausen

Nursery: Kate Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Jeanie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson / Yvonne Hernandez

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 11am

**Vespers**

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Wednesdays**

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Career Group 7 pm