

Prayers of the People: (see below)

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always.

People: And, with you (Passing of the Peace)

Corporate Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Benediction and Sending

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

MO US House of Rep District 8 – Jason Smith
MO State House of Rep District 107 – Nick Schroer
MO State House of Rep District 108 – Justin Hill
St Peters Alderman Ward 4 – Patrick Barclay

Emergency Weather Response

Please continue to pray for and share the Continuum of Care hotline number 636-395-0492 with anyone in need or those who help serve them.

<http://www.communitycouncilstc.org/coc/warming-center-response>



Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11



FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

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Purpose Statement:

We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 430
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636-373-9001

Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM
Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor
Rose Hammond- Receptionist

Order of Worship
Sunday, December 25, 2022

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Congregation responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Thank you, God for sending Your Son on one glorious night to be born a virgin, to live a perfect life, and to die on the cross for my sins. Thank you that he rose from the dead three days later and that this Christmas and every Christmas we can celebrate the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Amen

Worship in Song (click on the song title for a YouTube track)

[Celebrate](#) [O Come, O Come Emmanuel](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Saving God, who walked this earth in Eden and by Galilee, we praise you for your everlasting love, enduring patience, and for the greatest gift of all, the possibility of Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 2 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God

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Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[Go Tell It On The Mountain](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Sermon (10:30 a.m.) <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

Confession & Prayer of Repentance

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

O eternal and gracious God, all year long we pursue power, money, and influence. Yet You come to us in the weakness of the manger. All season long we covet material gifts. Yet You alone offer us the only everlasting gift: Your Son, Jesus Christ, God with us. We confess to You our pride, our faithlessness, and our reluctance to accept Your grace. Through the work of the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us heal us, correct us, and transform us. Then enable us to be still, to know Your presence, and to praise You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Personal quiet confession)

Father, you have heard our confessions. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. And we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Words of Comfort & Affirmation

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:9 KJV)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory be to God! Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CHRISTMAS DAY 2022

Leader: Let us pray for renewal within our Church this holy day. May we serve basking in the grace of the incarnation. May we love all people because of God's fidelity toward us. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Let us pray for miracles to be born in our world this Christmas. May the Church share the Light of Christ in the dark corners of injustice and sin. May hope lift up the weary. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Let us pray to find Christ Jesus in the unexpected places in our lives. May divine compassion heal our complicated lives. May the Incarnation bring peace in every turmoil and misfortune under heaven. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Let us pray for children who do not know love this Christmas. May orphans be given new relationship for their survival. May our addicted youth find healing and comfort. May all children be cuddled in blankets of mercy. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Let us pray to wrap people surviving poverty in swaddling clothes. May the hungry find genuine nourishment in our acts of justice. May our homeless find true safety in the shelter we provide. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Let us pray for love to be born in hatred. May guns be silenced this holy night. May the darkness of racism, homophobia, religious divisions, wars, and every violence be brought into light of faith, trust, and calm. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Let us pray for harmony among us at our home tables this Christmas. May all hardships and regrets not hinder us from joy. May we be satisfied, comforted, and supported among our loved ones. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones since last year Christmas. May God's grace and comfort surround them during this time of celebration. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer

Leader: For all other requests we lift them up to you

People: (Pray aloud one person at a time)

Leader: Hear our prayers, gracious Father, offered through the powers of the Spirit; and for the sake of your dear Son, grant us all that is in accordance with your merciful will, to your glory and for the good of your people. Amen