

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: (liturgy on screen)

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

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

Communion: (liturgy on screen)

Benediction and Sending

Announcements

Leadership Meeting – Will begin 15 minutes after the end of our Worship service today. Grab some egg drop soup to enjoy!

Agape Meal – Our February Agape meal will be next Sunday immediately following our worship gathering. Please make sure you have signed up for the dish that you will be bringing.

Hardee's Rise & Shine – Our 1st quarter outreach will be Friday Feb 10th from 6a – 10:30a to benefit Heat Up St Louis. Volunteers will be outside at the menu board or in the drive thru (you may warm up indoors if needed), must wear masks, and sign up for a minimum of 1 hour. **Today is the last Sunday to sign up.**



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
St. Charles, MO 63302
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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, January 29, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in Your presence. Open our minds to Your Spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as Your people. Open our hearts to Your Spirit of truth, that we may love all Your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to You. (prayer)

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

[Your Great Name](#) [Lord, I Lift Your Name on High](#)

[Glory To Your Name](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Father, faithful One, teach us Your divine wisdom. Empower us to understand wise teaching. Give insight to our simple minds. Help us to live a life that is disciplined and successful, based on the knowledge we need to make smart decisions. We know that reverence for You is the beginning of wisdom. Help us to listen when You correct us, and not neglect Your instruction. We know when we follow Your wisdom, we will receive grace and honor. In Jesus Name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 15 (NASB95)

¹ O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

² **He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart.**

³ He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴ **In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
But who honors those who fear the Lord;
He swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

⁵ **He does not put out his money at interest,
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things will never be shaken**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

Confession & Prayer of Repentance

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

God of steadfast love, we confess that we are not steadfast in faith. We succumb to temptations to treat others unfairly. Yet You are not deceived for You see into our hearts. We come now to confess our sins to You and repent from them. God in Your mercy, forgive us and help us live in the abundance of Your steadfast love. We open our hearts to You, O God and confess

(Personal quiet confession)

Do not worry about your life... —Matthew 6:25

A warning which needs to be repeated is that “the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches,” and the lust for other things, will choke out the life of God in us (Matthew 13:22). We are never free from the recurring waves of this invasion. If the frontline of attack is not about clothes and food, it may be about money or the lack of money; or friends or lack of friends; or the line may be drawn over difficult circumstances. It is one steady invasion, and these things will come in like a flood, unless we allow the Spirit of God to raise up the banner against it.

“I say to you, do not worry about your life...” Our Lord says to be careful only about one thing— our relationship to Him. But our common sense shouts loudly and says, “That is absurd, I *must* consider how I am going to live, and I *must* consider what I am going to eat and drink.” Jesus says you must not. Beware of allowing yourself to think that He says this while not understanding your circumstances. Jesus Christ knows our circumstances better than we do, and He says we must not think about these things to the point where they become the primary concern of our life. Whenever there are competing concerns in your life, be sure you always put your relationship to God first.

“Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34). How much trouble has begun to threaten you today? What kind of mean little demons have been looking into your life and saying, “What are your plans for next month— or next summer?” Jesus tells us not to worry about any of these things. Look again and think. Keep your mind on the “much more” of your heavenly Father (Matthew 6:30).

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Secretary of Defense – Lloyd Austin

Missouri State Treasurer – Scott Fitzpatrick

St Charles Co Dept of Public Health Dir. – Sara Evers (acting)