

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)

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)

Corporate Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Communion: (liturgy on screen)

Benediction and Sending



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:

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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 22, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Shout to the Lord your praises! Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!
Let your praise of God sound to the heavens! Come let us worship
God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness! Let us praise the
God of salvation who brings us home. (prayer)

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

[Days of Elijah](#) [Psalm 23 \(I Am Not Alone\)](#) [Waymaker](#)

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, You have sent us Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world. We want to see Him, to hear His word, to
receive Your grace through Him. Speak Your Word to us and give
us life. In Jesus Name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 27:1-14

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The
Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?

² **When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my
adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.**

³ Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though
war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.

⁴ **One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: that I
may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to
behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on
a rock.

⁶ **And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around
me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will
sing, yes, I will sing praise to the Lord.**

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and
answer me.

⁸ **When You said, “Seek My Face,” my heart said to You, “Your
face, O Lord I shall seek.”**

⁹ Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in
anger; You have been my help; do not abandon me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ **For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord
will take me up.**

¹¹ Teach me Your way, Lord, and lead me in a level path because of
my foes.

¹² **Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as breathe out violence.**

¹³ I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the
goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ **Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the Lord.**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (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>

Follow Me

Matthew 4:12-25 (NASB95)

22 January 2023

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

TEXT OBSERVATIONS

1. The validity and relevancy of the _____ (vv. 12b-16).
 - The New Testament is the illuminating and _____ of the Old, and the Old Testament is the foreshadowing and _____ of the New.

2. The validity and relevancy of _____ ministry (vv. 12a, 17).
 - When John's _____ ended Jesus's began (*From that time Jesus began to preach...*), and he preached the same _____ (c.f. Matthew 3:2 and 4:17b).

3. The validity and relevancy of _____ ministry (vv. 18-25).
 - The responses of the _____, of _____, and of the _____ (vv. 18-22).

APPLICATIONS

1. Read, study, and follow the whole _____, not just the New Testament (v. 14).
2. Follow the disciple's _____, taking your own ministry unto the Lord seriously, because we are the forerunners of his second coming, and the next generation of fishers of people.
3. Follow Jesus and his _____ to repent and believe the Gospel.

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Secretary of State – Anthony Blinken

Missouri Attorney General – Eric Schmitt

City of St Peters Treasurer – Dale Brown

Announcements

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. Please sign up with Trish after service. We need all names/times/locations by Feb 1st so we have time to distribute the greeter kits.

John D. Witvliet God, Our Light

The light of the brilliant sunshine makes the waves of the ocean sparkle. Candlelight makes faces glow with beauty. A shaft of light in a dramatic painting rivets our attention on a scene of great beauty.

The Bible often uses the image of light to convey God's glory. The Bible speaks of God as our light and our salvation (Psalm 27:1), as one who "wraps himself in light as with a garment" (Psalm 104:2).

It takes a small dictionary to list all the delicious light-oriented words that we can use to describe God's glory. God's glory is lustrous, luminous, dazzling, glittering, radiant, shimmering, resplendent, and much more.