

(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 also with you** (Passing of the Peace)

Communion: (liturgy on screen)

Benediction and Sending

**Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer**

**Vice President- Kamela Harris**

**Missouri Lieutenant Governor – Mike Kehoe**

**City of St Peters Administrator – Russ Batzel**

**Announcements**

**Heat Up St Louis** – Will be Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> from 6a – 10:30a.

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 1<sup>st</sup> so we have  
time to distribute the greeter kits.



**FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES**

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[faithcovenantstl.com](http://faithcovenantstl.com)

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  
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, January 8, 2023

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, and in the temple God's people say: Glory! The heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and a voice sounded: this is My Beloved Son. Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken, I have called you by name, you are Mine. (prayer)

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

[Oh Give Thanks](#)      [Come Into His Presence](#)  
[Because of Who You Are](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, we pray that You would illumine our minds more and more as we look to Jesus, the Author of our faith. Come to us, open our hearts and minds to see wondrous things in Your Word of truth. Open our eyes to hear Your still small voice speaking to us the Words of life. Open our minds and cleanse our thoughts so that Your Holy Spirit may guide us into all truth. May we be increasingly willing to submit to Your gentle promptings, so that You may guide us into Your way of peace. In Jesus Name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 29 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty,  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name;**  
**Worship the Lord in holy array.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
The God of glory thunders, The Lord is over many waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is powerful,**  
**The voice of the Lord is majestic.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
Yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,**  
**And Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord hews out flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> **The voice of the Lord makes the deer to calve**  
**And strips the forests bare;**  
**And in His temple everything says, "Glory!"**

<sup>10</sup> The Lord sat *as King* at the flood;

Yes, the Lord sits as King forever.

<sup>11</sup> **The Lord will give strength to His people;**  
**The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

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

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-11 (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.

**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**

**It's Not About Where You're From,  
But Who You Were Born To Be**  
**Matthew 2:1-12 (NASB95)**

8 January 2023

Pastor Michael Hammond

## **Is My Sacrifice Living?**

By Oswald Chambers

Abraham built an altar...; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him  
on the altar... —Genesis 22:9

This event is a picture of the mistake we make in thinking that the  
ultimate God wants of us is the sacrifice of death. What God wants  
is the sacrifice *through* death which enables us to do what Jesus  
did, that is, sacrifice our lives. Not— “Lord, I am ready to go with  
You...to death” (Luke 22:33). But— “I am willing to be identified  
with Your death so that I may sacrifice my life to God.”

We seem to think that God wants us to give up things! God purified  
Abraham from this error, and the same process is at work in our  
lives. God never tells us to give up things just for the sake of giving  
them up, but He tells us to give them up for the sake of the only  
thing worth having, namely, life with Himself. It is a matter of  
loosening the bands that hold back our lives. Those bands are  
loosened immediately by identification with the death of Jesus.  
Then we enter into a relationship with God whereby we may  
sacrifice our lives to Him.

It is of no value to God to give Him your life for death. He wants  
you to be a “*living* sacrifice”— to let Him have all your strengths  
that have been saved and sanctified through Jesus (Romans 12:1).  
This is what is acceptable to God.

**Happy New Year!**

**"Beginning well is a momentary thing;  
finishing well is a lifelong thing."**

**This New Year, renew making your time with Jesus a priority.  
Relationship with Him will help you establish sustainable  
resolutions.**