

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Scripture also promises us that redemption is in Christ Jesus. Acknowledging this truth about ourselves and with gratitude for the truth about God, let us confess our sins in God's presence and before one another. (Quiet personal confession)

**Gracious God, we entered the world walking in darkness as those who could not see the light. We loved our evil deeds and lived a life ruled by the world, the flesh, and the devil. But you came to us as the Light, offering us salvation, your life, love, revelation, and fellowship with God. So, forgive us for our sin and make us new, so that we may be children of light, to the glory of your name we pray. Amen.**

## WORDS OF AFFIRMATION:

Beloved of God, hear this good news: God's love never fails, and it is always at work to bring us back to God and one another. If we have confessed and repented of our sins, then in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**May God restore us to the joy of our common life now and always. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (liturgy on screen)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**And also, with You**

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## THE BLESSING & 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:

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 14, 2024

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

(Congregation responses spoken together appear in bold print.)

### OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Eternal Lord, as we gather in worship may we focus more fully on your presence. Help us to listen to your Spirit so we too can hear your gracious words of welcome, “Come, follow me, the kingdom of God is near.” Open our hearts and enliven our faith that we might follow you in our worship and witness now and every day this week. In Jesus’ strong and tender name. Amen

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[Rejoice in the Lord Always](#)   [Glory to Glory to Glory](#)  
[Glory to Jesus](#)   [Alpha and Omega](#)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment. Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture. Open our ears, O God, that we might understand your promises to followers both old and young, ancient and modern. Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:1-7 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word**

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 56:1-13 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup>Be gracious to me, O God, for man has trampled upon me; Fighting all day long he oppresses me. <sup>2</sup>My foes have trampled

upon me all day long, For they are many who fight proudly against me.

<sup>3</sup>When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. <sup>4</sup>In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can *mere* man do to me?

<sup>5</sup>All day long they distort my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil. <sup>6</sup>They attack, they lurk, They watch my steps, As they have waited *to take* my life. <sup>7</sup>Because of wickedness, cast them forth, In anger put down the peoples, O God!

<sup>8</sup>You have taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Your bottle. Are *they* not in Your book? <sup>9</sup>Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call; This I know, that God is for me.

<sup>10</sup>In God, *whose* word I praise, In the Lord, *whose* word I praise, <sup>11</sup>In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

<sup>12</sup>Your vows are *binding* upon me, O God; I will render thank offerings to You. <sup>13</sup>For You have delivered my soul from death, Indeed my feet from stumbling, So that I may walk before God In the light of the living.

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Because He Lives](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (NASB95)

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-5 (RSV)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to You Lord Christ**

SERMON (10:45 a.m.) <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

