

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

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this

week:

Secretary of State – Anthony Blinken

Missouri Attorney General – Andrew Bailey

City of St Peters Treasurer – Dale Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Bible Reading Plan: We have 3 options this year as we plan to read through the Bible in a year. Visit the [Church Family](#) link on our website for a printable (or downloadable) plan to read: [Straight through](#), [Chronologically](#), or [1 Book at a Time](#).

Discipleship Group Reports: Please remember to submit your discipleship group reports for the month of December. If you have any problems accessing the spreadsheet, please see Trish Walls.

1st Quarter Outreach: The 24th Annual Heat Up St. Louis Rise & Shine is on February 9th from 6:00a -10:30a at Hardee's locations across the metro area. Today is the last day to register for our group. Please notify Trish Walls with the time and location you will be volunteering at.

Monthly Leadership Meeting: Our January meeting is today, immediately following morning worship. Pastor will be sharing his State of the Ministry Address. 2023 giving statement will also be distributed.



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 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows. Believe in the power of God through Jesus Christ. Welcome in the presence of God in your worship. Amen

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

[Draw Me Close To You](#) [I Need You](#) [Lord I Need You](#)

[Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here](#) [In The Presence of Jehovah](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heavenly Father, open our ears that we may hear your Word proclaimed today. Only you can change our hearts and minds, we ask that you give us the grace to want to be changed. Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Judges 6:1-16, 7:1-9 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word,
(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 8 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

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WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 11:11-24 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word,
(Quiet Reflection)

WELCOME

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-2) (NASB95)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

SERMON (10:45 a.m.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

(Quiet confession)

The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION:

Beloved of God, hear this good news: from 2 John 1:1b-2a (NLT) "...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins..."

If you have confessed and repented of your sins today, then in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

We receive it now by faith. All glory, honor, and praise be unto you! Hallelujah! Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (liturgy on screen)

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28 January 2024

Judges 6:1-16, 7:1-9 (NASB95)

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

The Unsurpassed Intimacy of Tested Faith

By Oswald Chambers

Every time you venture out in your life of faith, you will find something in your circumstances that, from a commonsense standpoint, will flatly contradict your faith. But common sense is not faith, and faith is not common sense. In fact, they are as different as the natural life and the spiritual. Can you trust Jesus Christ where your common sense cannot trust Him? Can you venture out with courage on the words of Jesus Christ, while the realities of your commonsense life continue to shout, “It’s all a lie”? When you are on the mountaintop, it’s easy to say, “Oh yes, I believe God can do it,” but you have to come down from the mountain to the demon-possessed valley and face the realities that scoff at your Mount-of-Transfiguration belief (see Luke 9:28-42). Every time my theology becomes clear to my own mind, I encounter something that contradicts it. As soon as I say, “I believe ‘God shall supply all [my] need,’” the testing of my faith begins (Philippians 4:19). When my strength runs dry and my vision is blinded, will I endure this trial of my faith victoriously or will I turn back in defeat?

Faith must be tested, because it can only become your intimate possession through conflict. What is challenging your faith right now? The test will either prove your faith right, or it will kill it. Jesus said, “Blessed is he who is not offended because of Me” (Matthew 11:6). The ultimate thing is confidence in Jesus. “We have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end...” (Hebrews 3:14). Believe steadfastly on Him and everything that challenges you will strengthen your faith. There is continual testing in the life of faith up to the point of our physical death, which is the last great test. Faith is absolute trust in God— trust that could never imagine that He would forsake us (see Hebrews 13:5-6).