

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

HOLY COMMUNION (liturgy on screen)

THE BLESSING & SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

President- Joseph Biden

Missouri Governor- Michael Parson

St. Peter's Mayor- Len Pagano

View the complete [prayer grid here](#) and check back at the beginning of each month for updates.

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 [One Book at a Time](#).

Love Feast: Our Agape Meal will be today immediately following morning worship. We're looking forward to hearing how God is moving as you share your glory sightings!! Visitors are welcome to join us!

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 & Dine will be held on February 9th from 6:00a -10:30a at Hardee's locations across the metro area. Please notify Trish Walls with the time and location you will be volunteering at. The deadline to sign up is January 28th.



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
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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 7, 2024

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God. It is He who made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good and His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100 (NASB)

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

[Angels We Have Heard on High/Hark the Herald Angels Sing Medley](#)

[Noel](#) [I Don't Wanna Leave](#) [In the Presence of Jehovah](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, our Great Physician, we long to feel Your healing presence. Open our hearts as we hear once again the words of Scripture that we might feel Your Spirit stirring in us, inspiring us to bring Your hope and healing to the world. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-2; 2:2-3 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 33:1-11 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

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

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-3 (NASB95)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

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

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, before the beginning of time Jesus knew the sin that our first parents would commit as well as the sins we would commit. Yet he still loved. We look and recognize the many ways we have fallen short of your glory in missed opportunities to share Your love; and times when we were silent when we could have spoken up and stood for what was right. We have also failed to allow Jesus to completely be our Lord.

So, we pray that you would forgive us, and show us how to be your children. Holy Spirit, work righteousness in us and lead us, so that we will delight in your will and walk in your way, to the glory of your name. Amen

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION:

Beloved of God, hear this good news: 1 John 1:9 tells us that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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

Praise the Lord. Thanks be to God..

Series on the Gospel of John

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

Message: The preincarnate Jesus Christ

7 January 2024

John 1:1-3 (NASB95)

John 1:1-3 (NASB95) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ²*He was in the beginning with God.* ³*All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

The purpose of John's book: John 20:31

1. Jesus existed in the _____ (Isaiah 9:6, John 8:58).
 - Jesus is eternally existent _____.

2. Jesus is the _____ of God (John 1:14; Revelation 19:13)

3. Jesus was _____ God.
 - This establishes that God the Father and God the Son are two distinct _____.

4. Jesus _____ God (then) (Isaiah 9:6, John 10:30).
 - This statement establishes that God the Father and God the Son share the same _____ and _____.

Takeaway

Since Jesus is God, any religion that denies or deemphasizes the full deity of Jesus is _____ and should be treated as such.

Ripe for God's Restoration

By: Arthur Jackson

Restore us, God Almighty; . . . that we may be saved. Psalm 80:7

The pictures coming from a friend's text stream were stunning! Photos of a surprise gift for his wife revealed a restored 1965 Ford Mustang: brilliant, dark blue exterior; sparkling chrome rims; reupholstered black interior; and a motor to match the other upgrades. There were also "before" pictures of the same vehicle—a dull, worn, unimpressive yellow version. While it may be difficult to envision, it's likely that when the vehicle rolled off the assembly line, it was also an eye-catcher. But time, wear and tear, and other factors had made it ripe for restoration.

Ripe for restoration! Such was the condition of God's people in Psalm 80 and thus the repeated prayer: "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved" (v. 3; see vv. 7, 19). Though their history had included rescue from Egypt and being planted in a land of plenty (vv. 8–11), the good times had come and gone. Because of rebellion, they were experiencing the hand of God's judgment (vv. 12–13). Thus, their plea: "Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!" (v. 14).

Do you ever feel dull, distant, or disconnected from God? Is joyful soul-satisfaction missing? Is it because alignment with Jesus and His purposes is missing? God hears our prayers for restoration (v. 1). What's keeping you from asking?

<https://odb.org/2024/01/07/ripe-for-restoration>