

WORDS OF COMFORT (liturgy on screen)

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 EUCHARIST (liturgy on screen)

APOSTLES CREED (liturgy on screen)

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

Secretary of Education – Miguel Cardona

Director of MO Department of Revenue – Wayne Wallingford

State of MO Emergency Mgmt. Agency Director – James Remillard

St Charles Co Emergency Mgmt. Director – Captain Chris Hunt

Announcements

2024 Bible Reading Plan: It's not too late to get started!!

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.

Agape Meal: Our Love Feast will be immediately following service. All are welcome.

Corporate Fasting: Our corporate fasting and prayer time will be coming up at the end of this month.

2024 Theme Of the year: Remember our church theme for 2024 3P's (Proclaim, Persuade, & Pray). Get involved!

Discipleship Reports: Discipleship reports are due today. Please make sure the appropriate information is in your online spreadsheet.



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, March 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

We stand in the need of the presence of God. Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed. But the Lord Has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey. Lord, guide our steps. Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Lord, we come to you today with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen

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

[God So Loved](#) [Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)](#)

[Holy Forever](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, into this place for you are welcome here. In this time of Lent, we thirst for your presence and eagerly await your illumination. May our hearts be ablaze, and our ears ever attuned to listen for your Word. Come, Holy Spirit, you are welcome in this place. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 29: 10-14 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145:13-21 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Love Lifted Me](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

GOSPEL READING: John 1:35-51 (NASB95)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ!

(following the reading)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

SERMON: <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

(Pastor: Let us pray)

All: Lord God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and our neighbor as ourselves. Your priority has been to make disciples, but our priorities have not always been yours. We acknowledge that sometimes we act more like church goers than like disciples. We also confess these personal sins to you:
(Quiet confession)

Pastor: Father please forgive us.

All: Yes Lord, we repent. Have mercy on us. Forgive and strengthen us so that we might know you more and become more and more like you. We ask all these things to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Sermon Series on The Gospel of John

(3 March 2024)

Message 7b: The Beginning of Jesus's Ministry—John 1:35-51 (NAS95)

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

4. The _____ were seeking disciples for Jesus (vss. 40-42).

- Encounters with Jesus should stir up a fire of _____ to tell others about him beginning with those closest to us.

5. _____ was seeking disciples (vss. 43-44).

- Jesus is looking for _____ – those who love him and who are listening for and obeying him and are connected to those doing the same – not simply _____ and _____.

6. The disciples were _____ to Jesus's message (vss. 45-46).

- God is _____ to those seeking his face.

7. Jesus proves that he _____ them and declares himself to be the person and place through which _____ comes to _____ (vss. 47-51). (c.f. Genesis 28:10-22)

Closing Admonitions

1. Let us look for and invite others to come see Jesus and make the introduction (through your walk, sharing the Gospel and by inviting others to corporate worship).

2. Commit to being faithful disciples of Jesus, not simply church attenders.
3. Remember that God knows you.
4. Remember that He alone is to be worshipped and that through Him the revelation and resources of heaven come to earth.

Deserter or Disciple

By Oswald Chambers

When God, by His Spirit through His Word, gives you a clear vision of His will, you must “walk in the light” of that vision ([1 John 1:7](#)). Even though your mind and soul may be thrilled by it, if you don't “walk in the light” of it you will sink to a level of bondage never envisioned by our Lord. Mentally disobeying the “heavenly vision” ([Acts 26:19](#)) will make you a slave to ideas and views that are completely foreign to Jesus Christ. Don't look at someone else and say, “Well, if he can have those views and prosper, why can't I?” You have to “walk in the light” of the vision that has been given to *you*. Don't compare yourself with others or judge them— that is between God and them. When you find that one of your favorite and strongly held views clashes with the “heavenly vision,” do not begin to debate it. If you do, a sense of property and personal right will emerge in you— things on which Jesus placed no value. He was against these things as being the root of everything foreign to Himself— “...for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” ([Luke 12:15](#)). If we don't see and understand this, it is because we are ignoring the underlying principles of our Lord's teaching.

Our tendency is to lie back and bask in the memory of the wonderful experience we had when God revealed His will to us. But if a New Testament standard is revealed to us by the light of God, and we don't try to measure up, or even feel inclined to do so, then we begin to backslide. It means your conscience does not respond to the truth. You can never be the same after the unveiling of a truth. That moment marks you as one who either continues on with even more devotion as a disciple of Jesus Christ, or as one who turns to go back as a deserter.