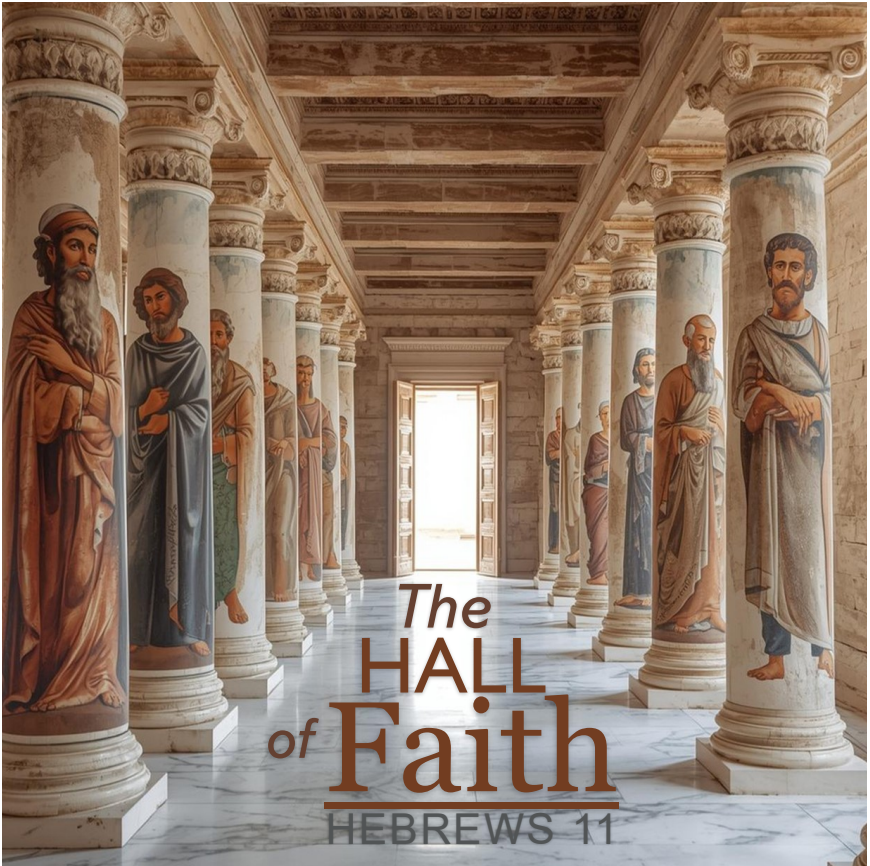




Ascension PCA

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The
HALL
of **Faith**
HEBREWS 11

A community of worshipping, maturing,
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of God the Father,
by the power of His Spirit,
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.

WELCOME TO ASCENSION!

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

**We are delighted that you are here,
especially if this is your first time with us.**

Connect with One Another:

We would love to know that you were here this morning and encourage you to fill in a *Connect Card* so that we can follow up with you, answer your questions, or pray for you.

Our practice of wearing *Name Tags* is to make you feel more comfortable among us, help you to identify staff and leadership, and make it easier for you to connect with us. See our back page for contact information.

We heartily invite you to join us for *refreshments* and conversation after the service.

To Parents of Young Children:

If you would like to utilize it, we have a staffed *Nursery* for children through age 3 across the hall.

We encourage younger children to remain with us during the service. They are not a distraction!

Feel free to sit up front where your child can more easily see and hear what is happening.

Clipboards for kids are available to encourage our children to participate in our worship together. Stop by the special Kids Table to pick up clipboards and crayons for your child.

Free Biblical Resources:

If you don't have a copy of God's Word, please help yourself to one of the free Bibles as our gift for you to take home.

You are also welcome to browse the literature and resources available to you on the Welcome Table, carts, and stands.

**Joyfully worshipping together
as the family of God,
with reverence and awe,
mindful of our heritage
as well as our present context.**



A WORD ABOUT OUR LITURGY

The elements and sequence that make up our worship service (the liturgy) is the way we tell ourselves, one another, and all in this place, the grand story of the Triune God:

the story of God pursuing a people despite their wanderings and forgetfulness, and shaping them into His people for His glory.

QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*God reveals His presence: let us now adore Him,
and with awe appear before Him.*

*God is in His temple: all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with the deepest reverence.*

Him alone, God we own,

Him our God and Saviour:

Praise His Name for ever!

*O Thou Fount of blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in Thy merit:*

*like the holy angels who behold Thy glory,
may I ceaselessly adore Thee.*

Let Thy will, ever still,

rule Thy Church terrestrial,

as the hosts celestial.

~ Gerhard Tersteegen

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

We gather at the invitation of God through His Word.
He speaks first, revealing Himself to us,
and we respond with one voice in joy and thanksgiving!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 10:6-7

M: There is none like you, O LORD;
You are great, and Your name is great in might.
Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?
For this is Your due;
for among all the wise ones of the nations
and in all their kingdoms
there is none like You.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger
wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above.**

Words by Robert Robinson (1758)
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PUBLIC DOMAIN

Across the Lands

**You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
Every star and every planet
has been fashioned by Your hand.**

**All creation holds together
by the power of Your voice.**

**Let the skies declare Your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice!**

***You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man,
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

**Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.**

**With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You calmed the sea.**

**Yet how silently You suffered,
that the guilty may go free.**

***You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man,
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

**With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in Your way.**

**Now You stand before the Father,
interceding for Your own.**

**From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.**

***You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man,
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.
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and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
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Come, Holy One

**Hasten now, O loving Lord, to us ...
we're thirsty.**

**Fill these souls, Spirit, every hour ...
we need Thee.**

***Come, come Holy One, come meet us.
All, all for Your glory... Lord Jesus.***

**Lead us on the perfect path, O Lord,
and may we ...**

**... sin no more — this spotless bride, the Church,
is Yours.**

***Come, come Holy One, come meet us.
All, all for Your glory... Lord Jesus.***

***Come, come Holy One, come meet us.
All, all for Your glory... Lord Jesus.***

Words and music by Eric J. Marshall.
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GOD CLEANSSES US

We gather each week as sinners in constant need of His mercy. The corporate confession of sin acknowledges this and invites honest expression before God. However, God isn't silent as we cry out to Him — He assures us that His grace is bigger than our sin. God's forgiveness is for all those who humble themselves before Him in Christ Jesus.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 107:21-43

Elder Rich Rios

- 21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of man!
22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of His deeds in songs of joy!
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;
24 they saw the deeds of the LORD,
His wondrous works in the deep.
25 For He commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.
29 He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and He brought them to their desired haven.
- 31 Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of man!
32 Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.
- 33 He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
34 a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the evil of its inhabitants.
35 He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.
36 And there He lets the hungry dwell,
and they establish a city to live in;
37 they sow fields and plant vineyards
and get a fruitful yield.
- 38 By His blessing they multiply greatly,
and He does not let their livestock diminish.
- 39 When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,
40 He pours contempt on princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;
41 but He raises up the needy out of affliction
and makes their families like flocks.
42 The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
- 43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Daniel 9

**P: Lord, You are righteous, but we are not —
for we have sinned against You.**

**We have not obeyed the LORD our God
or kept the laws You gave us
through Your servants the prophets.**

O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive!

O Lord, hear and act!

**We do not ask this of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.**

**For Your sake, O God, do not delay,
because Your people bear Your Name.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we confess our personal sins to God
so that we may take hold of the forgiveness
won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

from Revelation 1:5-6

**L: Christ Jesus loves us and has freed us from our sins
by His blood,
He has made us to be a kingdom and priests
to serve His God and Father.**

P: To Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Psalms 42

**Why my soul are you downcast?
Why are you troubled within?
For I will hope in my Saviour, my God.
I will praise Him, yet praise Him again.**

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Why are you troubled within?
For I will hope in my Saviour, my God.
I will praise Him, yet praise Him again.**

***Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
And I will praise Him yet, praise Him again.***

***Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
And I will praise Him yet, praise Him again.***

**Morning by morning, new mercies are streaming.
I trust in Your goodness where I cannot see.
You have been faithful whenever I wandered.
Lord, give me the grace that I need.**

**Morning by morning, new mercies are streaming.
I trust in Your goodness where I cannot see.
You have been faithful whenever I wandered.
Lord, give me the hope that I need.**

***Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
and I will praise Him yet, praise Him again.***

**Why my soul are you downcast?
Why are you troubled within?
For I will hope in my Saviour, my God
and I will praise Him, yet praise Him again.**

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Holy Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a crucial means of growing and comforting God's people and awakening people to new faith in Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING OF THE WORD

Hebrews 11:23-28

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.



PRAYER

GIVING TO THE LORD

1 Timothy 6:17

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God who provides us with everything to enjoy.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed

**Alas, and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I?**

**Was it for sins that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!**

*My God, why would You shed Your blood
so pure and undefiled,
to make a sinful one like me
Your chosen precious child?*

**Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut His glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died,
for man, the creature's, sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face
while His dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt my eyes to tears.**

*My God, why would You shed Your blood
so pure and undefiled,
to make a sinful one like me
Your chosen precious child?*

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GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is a meal for the family of God, given by Jesus the night before His death to be celebrated until His return. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of King, and spiritually nourishes us for today as we eat and drink in faith.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

CONFESSING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Belgic Confession, Article 20

P: We believe that God —

**who is perfectly merciful and also very just —
sent His Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by His most bitter passion and death.**

**So God made known His justice toward His Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and He poured out His goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty and worthy of damnation,
giving to us His Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising Him to life for our justification,
in order that by Him we might have
immortality and eternal life.**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please come forward to receive the elements from the elders at the table, then return to your seats.

Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available from the trays.

Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.

SONG OF MEDITATION

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleansing me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.**

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GOD SENDS US

We end by receiving God's promises to us as His people.
He will be with us as we serve Him in this world,
to the end of all time.

BENEDICTION



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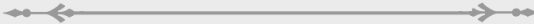
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