Blessed & Happy Are Those Who Believe 22 December 2024 Luke 1:39-56 (NASB95) Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.



# 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.

> <u>Mailing address</u>: P.O. Box 430 St. Charles, MO 63302 636-373-9001

<u>Weekly Corporate Gatherings</u>: Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM Discipleship Groups (times vary)

<u>Staff</u>: Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr – President & Senior Pastor Rose Hammond - Receptionist

## Authorities we want to specifically pray for this week:

MO US House of Rep District 5- Emanuel Cleaver II MO US House of Rep District 6- Sam Graves MO US House of Rep District 7- Eric Burlison MO State House of Rep District 106- Travis Wilson

#### Order of Worship

Sunday, Dec 22, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

## **OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER**

In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light. In the midst of confusion and fear, He brings hope and peace. In the time of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us. Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.

(Prayer) Rejoice! We know You are near; Emmanuel is coming! Lord God in this Advent season, remind us of the joy we have as we anticipate Your arrival a second time, and remind us that You are with us, in our presence here and now. We long to always have the joy that comes only from You in our lives – not just temporary happiness. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

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

Holy is the LordEmmanuelHis Name Shall Be

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us Lord, speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the rejoicing. Speak to us by Your Word in these Advent days and walk with us until the day of Your coming. In Jesus' name we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen**.

#### SCRIPTURE READING Micah 5:2-5a (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God. **Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.** (Quiet Reflection)

#### SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80:1-7 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God. **Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.** (Quiet Reflection)

### WORSHIP IN SONG: Exceeding Joy

#### SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:1-10 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-56 (NASB95)

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

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE:

#### PASSING THE PEACE

<u>Salutation</u>: May the peace of Christ be with you <u>Response</u>: And also with you

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH
Silent Night (Heavenly Peace) | View the lyrics here

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed

#### **BLESSING & SENDING**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**<u>CORPORATE FAST</u>**: Our corporate fasting time for December has been adjusted and we will end the year fasting from Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SUNDAY MORNING CORPORATE PRAYER**: We will resume our 9:00 am Sunday morning prayer gatherings on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All covenant partners should plan to regularly attend and those leading in corporate worship are expected to attend. Please refer to the <u>Church Family</u> tab on our webpage for our prayer focus and specific authorities we are praying for each week.

**UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS**: The **Events** tab on our webpage has been updated with corporate fasting times and quarterly outreach events. Please add these dates to your calendar so you can plan future events around them.