

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Morning Corporate Prayer:** We have resumed our 9:00 am Sunday morning prayer gatherings. All covenant partners should plan to regularly attend and those leading in corporate worship are expected to attend. Please refer to the [Church Family](#) tab on our webpage for our prayer focus and specific authorities we are praying for each week.

**Corporate Love Feast:** Our January Agape Meal will be today immediately following our worship service. All are welcome!

**State of the Ministry Address:** We will have our *State of the Ministry Address* today during our Leadership Meeting. The meeting will begin immediately following our Agape Meal.

**FCM on the Road Update:** Our “FCM on the Road” trip is scheduled for next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45 a.m. In lieu of our regular Sunday worship gathering, we will be worshipping at Grace River Church at 1913 Trade Center Dr. in St. Peters.

**New Discipleship Groups:** Covenant partners, please make it your goal to get commitments from 2 new people to join you for a new discipleship group. We will talk more about the groups during Leadership Meeting this month; so, bring your questions. We will also place an order for *Discipleship Essentials* books.

**Heat Up St. Louis Rise & Shine for Heat:** This year’s event will be on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please give Trish the time you can serve and your preferred location before you leave today.

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

Secretary of State- Anthony Blinken  
Missouri Attorney General- Andrew Bailey  
City of St. Peters Treasurer- Robin Jones



## FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

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[faithcovenantstl.com](http://faithcovenantstl.com)

### 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  
636-373-9001

### Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Prayer – 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship - 10:00 AM

Discipleship Groups (call the office for group times/locations)

### Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr – President & Senior Pastor  
Rose Hammond - Receptionist

Order of Worship  
Sunday January 26, 2025

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

#### OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

The Lord inhabits the praise of His people, let His glory fill this place. As we join our hearts in worship, let us praise His holy name.

(Prayer) Heavenly Father, as we gather on this day, we come before You with hearts praising You for your unwavering love and grace. We acknowledge Your presence in our lives and ask that You guide our thoughts and words as we seek Your wisdom and guidance. May Your Holy Spirit fill this space and empower us to approach You with open hearts and minds. We pray for Your peace to settle upon us and for the strength to face the challenges ahead, In the name of Jesus, we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

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

[Praise](#)   [I Thank God](#)   [When I Think About the Lord](#)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father God, we pray that we may hear Your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts 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. In Jesus' name we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 6:1-9 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

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

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 106:1-27 (NASB95)

Read corporately (Words will appear on screen)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[All Glory Be To Christ](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

GOSPEL READING: John 6:60-71 (NASB95)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to You, Lord Christ**

SERMON: Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE:

HOLY COMMUNION: (Liturgy on Screen)

BLESSING AND SENDING

An excerpt from “Reverent Fear”

<https://www.odbm.org/devotionals/devotional-category/reverent-fear>

The fear of the Lord—a deep respect and awe for our holy God—is a theme that runs throughout Scripture. King Solomon admonished his son to fear the Lord in his series of wise sayings, the Proverbs. He said that if his son would turn his “ear to wisdom” and “search for it as for hidden treasure,” then he’d “understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God” (Proverbs 2:2, 4-5). Along with wisdom and knowledge, he’d find discretion and understanding (vv. 10-11).

When we face challenges of many kinds and experience a sense of dread and fear, we’re reminded of our limitations. But as we turn to God, asking Him to help us humble ourselves before Him and worship Him in reverence, we’ll find He helps us to move from being fearful to embracing a healthy fear of Him.

**Who Can Hear This? Perseverance or Perfidiousness** (26 January 2025)

John 6:60-71 (NASB95)

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

Perfidity- lack of faithfulness, treachery, an act or fact of violating the trust or confidence of another.

*<sup>60</sup>Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"*

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*<sup>61</sup>But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?"*

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*1 Chronicles 28:9 (NASB95) "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.*

*Hebrews 4:12-13 (NASB95) For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*

Question: When you grumble at what God says and he calls you on it, how do you respond? (Do you deny it and double down, or do you humble yourself and repent?)

*<sup>62</sup>"What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?"*

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Question: Things will be said and seen which affirm Jesus's claims. What will we do with them when we do not understand them? (At what point does the evidence one has suffice? Jesus is saying they have already received enough to believe but do not.)

<sup>63</sup>*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.*

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1 Corinthians 2:12-14 (NASB95) *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, <sup>13</sup>which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. <sup>14</sup>But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.*

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<sup>64</sup>*"But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. <sup>65</sup>And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."*

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<sup>66</sup>*As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.*

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<sup>67</sup>*So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"*

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2 Corinthians 12:9a (NASB95) *And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."...*

