



Order of Service August 24, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

“Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.”
- Hebrews 3:6

* Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Unison: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

* Hymn: The Steadfast Love of the Lord/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* Invocation, Confession of Sin, And Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Message Lauren Sager

Scripture Reading Romans 6:15-23

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* **Song of Praise:** Here I Am to Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Offering: *Safe Within Your Arms* Elena Lazaridou

* **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

Sermon: *"Slaves of Christ"* Matt Schuberth
Romans 6:15-23

• **Song of Worship** Jesus is Lord

• **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude

The Steadfast Love of the Lord/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness (2x)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.
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gladly for aye we adore him.

Here I Am to Worship

by Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain

*Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Refrain

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

Refrain

Safe Within Your Arms

Offertory lyrics

Whether I am right or Whether I am wrong,
Whether I am weak or Whether I am strong
Whether I am sure or maybe confused,
feeling loved or feeling used.
I know a place where I can go,
somewhere that winter winds don't blow.
There I am warmed by loving arms,
held with care next to your heart.

And I am safe within Your arms, Lord.
I remember I am Your child.
I've come back to the source of love, where healing can begin.
Though the world would say I must be strong
and prove my worth by what I do,
I will rest assured in Your embrace
and find my strength in You, Lord!

Whether I am walking in the light or
Whether I am stumbling through the night,
You are a God whose promise endures
Though undeserved, Your love is sure.
When I am tempted to pursue plans
that may lead me far away from you,
Gently You call, "My child, come home.
I will never let go for one of my own"

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I've come back to the source of love, where healing can begin.
Though the world would say I must be strong
and prove my worth by what I do,
I will rest assured in Your embrace
and find my strength in You.

Jesus is Lord

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Jesus is Lord' – the cry that echoes through creation:
Resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

Jesus is Lord – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord – the tomb is gloriously empty,
Not even death could crush this King of love.
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord' – a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory,
The Judge of all will take His children home.

We exalt Thee

We exalt Thee

We exalt Thee Oh, Lord (2x)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 24, 2025

Our mission is to rejoice in God, grow in the gospel, and point people to Jesus.
Our vision is to be a house of refuge, a community of joy, and a spiritual catalyst for personal and cultural renewal.

Register for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - Nursery Leaders & Volunteers Orientation, 11:15 am
- Today - Greeter/Monitor Luncheon, 11:30 am
- August 25 - Alpha Team Training, 7:00 pm
- August 26 - Women's Summer Something, 10:00 am
- August 27 - Children's Library Time, 10:00 am
- August 28 - Women's Summer Something, 7:00 pm
- August 31 - Last day of Summer Worship and Bring-Your-Own-Picnic Lunch
- September 1 - Labor Day
- September 7 - Fall Worship resumes, 8:30 am and 11:00 am

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome! We are glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions please ask an usher, or visit our Welcome Desk downstairs in the Fellowship Foyer.

For families with small children under 5: A breakout space for toddlers or preschool children and their parents is available in room 11, across from the café. The Nursery and Little People's Church will resume September 7.

Additional resources: As a house of refuge, we have the Deacons fund, prayer chain, helping hands ministry, meals ministry, counseling, and other resources to help. Contact us at info@fcchamilton.org.

NURSERY AND LPC SUMMER BREAK SCHEDULE

To give our volunteers some much-deserved time off, both groups will take a two-week break beginning today through next Sunday, August 31. On these days a breakout space for toddlers, preschool children, and their parents will be available in Room 11, across from the café. Let's thank our volunteers!

FALL WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC

- Sunday, August 31, will be the last day of our summer worship. Following this service, please join us for our bring-your-own-picnic lunch. The deacons are providing ice cream and toppings for dessert!
- On September 7, we return to our regular schedule of two worship services, at 8:30 am and 11:00 am, in the church sanctuary. We'll also be hosting a *Welcome Back Coffee* for adults during the Sunday School hour. Adult Sunday School begins on September 14, at 9:45 am.

COMMUNITY READ - THE ROAD TO WISDOM

This fall, we're inviting all who are interested to join us in reading the book, *The Road to Wisdom*, by Francis Collins. We'll have the opportunity to meet Dr. Collins over Zoom for two Q&A sessions—Monday, November 10 at 8:00 pm and Tuesday, February 17 at 8:00 pm. You can purchase the book (\$5) and sign up to join our community read at our *Welcome Back Coffee* on Sunday, September 7. Contact Vicki Best with any questions at vlbest@verizon.net.

ALPHA NEWS

- **Alpha returns!** The course will be held on Monday nights in the fall, beginning September 8. Alpha is a chance to explore the meaning of life and the Christian faith over dinner, a film, and table discussion. We encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to attend the first session and see what they think! If you'd like to be part of the team organizing Alpha, speak to Robin Davis or email her at redrobindavis@gmail.com.
- **Prayer Walk:** Join us for a prayer walk in Hamilton's neighborhoods as we prepare to invite friends to Alpha. We meet on Mondays at 6:30 pm at the Patton Park grandstand, rain or shine. For more information, please contact Christine Williams at rcw3kids@gmail.com.
- **Alpha Team Training** is Monday, August 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the café. All table hosts, helpers, and other team members should attend this session to prepare for our September 8 launch. If you can't attend, please let Robin Davis know at redrobindavis@gmail.com, so we can arrange a make-up session.

PILGRIM'S PINT

Pilgrim's Pint is back with a new series! Join us at Post restaurant this fall as we present a new slate of culture-engaging and thought-provoking, expert-led talks that explore the shape of human existence through the lens of a Christian worldview. Each talk is from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at 16 Bay Road, Hamilton.

- Monday, September 8: Why the World Exists, with Dr. Nathan Barczy
- Monday, October 6: What It Means to Be Human, with Dr. Jordan Cooper
- November TBD: Hitler's Religion, with Kevin Adams
- Monday, December 8: Vision Versus What's (Merely) Visible, with Bruce Herman

LIFEBRIDGE

Consider joining the Lifebridge team this fall. Volunteers are needed to prep the meal on one Thursday each month and serve the meal on the first Friday of each month. Lifebridge in Salem has been working for more than three decades to meet the most urgent needs of the homeless and under-housed on the North Shore. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Ford, ebford626@gmail.com, or Kim Roberts, kimeroberts624@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD GREETERS

The Welcome Team is looking for two to three more greeters to serve on Sunday mornings. More than just a social moment to meet new faces and say hello to friends, greeting is part of our preparation for worship as we extend the peace of Christ to all who attend Sunday services. The commitment is once per month at either the early or late service. If interested, email Josiah Coffey at josiah.coffey001@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- **Women's Bible Studies:** SonLight will begin on Tuesday, September 16, from 9:45 am to noon, and NightLight will begin on Thursday, September 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We will study the "I Am" statements of Jesus in *Who Jesus Is*, from the LifeChange study series. Register using the QR code on the front page, or in-person in the Ministry Center lobby after today's service.
- **Part-Time Paid Childcare Opportunity:** MomCo (formerly MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers) is a moms group that meets every other Thursday morning at North Shore Community Baptist Church in Beverly. They are in need of childcare from 8:45 to 11:15 am on Thursdays (dates below). Lesson plans, activities, and snacks are provided! If you're interested, contact Janelle at janelle.deddo@gmail.com. Rate: \$16/hour. **Dates:** September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 6 and 20, and December 4.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **Nursery Leaders and Volunteers** are invited to an orientation today at 11:15 am in the café. We'll review protocols and refresh our training to start our year strong! If you haven't served in the nursery before but are considering it, please attend—we'd love to have you!
- **Back-to-Sunday-School Weekend Bash!**
 - Let's celebrate the beginning of the new school year with a free movie night! Join us for pizza, popcorn, and Disney's "Moana" on Saturday, September 6, at 6:30 pm in Heritage Hall. We'll collect back-to-school items such as pencils, tissues, disinfecting wipes, glue sticks, and scissors to be donated to local schools preparing for the new school year! Bring some school-supply donations to this free event. Please invite friends and neighbors!
 - Children's Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 7, at 9:45 am. Join us as we continue to welcome the new school year during our Sunday School Bash. Elementary age children will meet their teachers in the Ministry Center, L3 and celebrate the new school year together. Preschool and kindergarten will have their own kickoff in the lower level LPC room. Look for an email with more details about this fun day from Children's Director, Chrysa Bliati!

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Back-to-School Bash:** Join Pastor Matt on Saturday, September 6, from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at Garden City Church in Beverly. This time of games, worship, dinner, and teaching is a great opportunity to gather with other high school youth groups and be encouraged to live boldly for Jesus at school. You don't have to be an athlete to come to this free event! Register using the QR code on the front page.
- **Sunday School and Youth Group resume this fall:**
 - Youth Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7, at 9:45 am.
 - High school students meet on Tuesdays, beginning September 16, from 7:00 to 8:45 pm.
 - Middle school students meet Wednesdays, beginning September 17, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

GRIEFSHARE

A new series has begun and meets online on Mondays at 7:30 pm. GriefShare offers help and encouragement to those who've suffered the death of a loved one. It's not too late to join. For further information, contact John Clark at 978-375-6329 or johnclarkhydroseeding@outlook.com.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY TIME

As a reminder, our library is open on Wednesday mornings, from 10:00 am to noon, for families to visit this summer. Children are invited to join for story time with a special guest reader at 10:15 am. Our children's section is geared toward preschool through grade 5.

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