

***COME THOU FOUNT, COME THOU KING**

— words included

Come, thou fount of ev'ry 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.

I was lost in utter darkness
'til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when
your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song;
now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me
and I'll never be alone.

(Chorus)

*Come, thou Fount, come thou King,
come thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing.
Come, thou Fount of our blessing.
Come, thou Fount, come thou King,
come thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing.
Come, thou Fount of our blessing.*

O to grace, how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness, 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.

(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

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"Serving One Another in Love"
Galatians 5:13

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LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVANCE

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience. The wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.



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December 16, 2012

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."
Isaiah 12:3

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Isaiah 52:7-10*

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

All: **The voice of your watchmen- they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH – Hymn #214*

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING – Hymn #203*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**YOU ARE HOLY – words included (men lead; women echo)*

You are holy (*You are holy*)

You are mighty (*You are mighty*)

You are worthy (*You are worthy*)

Worthy of praise (*Worthy of praise*)

I will follow (*I will follow*)

I will listen (*I will listen*)

I will love you (*I will love you*)

All of my days (*All of my days*)

I will sing to (*You are Lord of lords*)

And worship (*You are King of kings*)

The King who (*You are mighty God*)

Is worthy (*Lord of everything*)

I will love and (*You're Emmanuel*)

Adore you (*You're the Great I Am*)

And I will bow down (*You're my Prince of Peace*)

before you (*Who is the Lamb*)

I will sing to (*You're my living God*)

And worship (*You're my saving grace*)

The King who (*You will reign forever*)

Is worthy (*You are Ancient of Days*)

I will love and (*You are alpha, omega*)

Adore you (*Beginning and end*)

And I will bow down (*You're my Savior, Messiah*)

Before you (*Redeemer and friend*)

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you.

(Repeat all)

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you.

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His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 34:11-16*

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

All: Almighty God, through the coming of your Son

you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we remain captive to doubt and fear. Our tongues often speak evil, and our lips deceit. We over-look the poor and the hungry and we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed. We do not seek and pursue your call to peace. We have not served you with joyfulness and gladness of heart. Father, help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life and the peace of Christ ruling our hearts. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 34:18-22*

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**FROM HEAVEN HIGH I COME TO YOU – Hymn #220*

THE CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Henry David Fisher

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

**AWAY IN A MANGER – Hymn #204*

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Advent – Light in the Darkness

Sermon Title: *Preparing for Joy*

Sermon Text: Isaiah 12:1-6

(See pages 8-10 for sermon outline, text and questions)

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR – words included*

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated and life without end.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
you're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
you're the Risen One, heaven's champion,
and you reign, you reign over all!*

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
where countless worshipers will share one song,
and cries of “worthy” will honor the Lamb!

(Chorus 2x)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC Observance information on the back page.)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Pastor Shane Waldron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:
The Church at Creston, Pastor Darold Reiner.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:
Jim & Jill Hadlock work for Campus Crusade as missionaries. Jill is a communications staff for the national headquarters in Florida and Jim is a project manager for the “Jesus Film” project. They are in the process of adopting a child and just finished moving. Pray for God’s grace and guidance as they prepare their home for another child. Pray for protection for Jim as he travels to Africa to help with the recording and translation projects for the “Jesus Film.”

Our **CHRISTMAS EVE** Candlelight Service will be held this year at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: Each year the offering taken at our Christmas Eve service is given to families or individuals of Faith Covenant who have particular needs. Our Deacons determine need and distribute the entire offering to those in need of extra assistance.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES on December 23, December 30 or January 6. Classes will resume meeting on January 13 at 11:15 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

Thank you for your **GENEROUS GIVING AT OUR ANNUAL THANKS DINNER**. We were able to to disburse \$837.83 in funds to Neighbors in Need, a local Christian organization offering help to the needy, and to the PCA Ministerial Relief, which assists needy retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children.

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY has books available for your use, is open Monday thru Thursday, 9:00-3:00 and every Sunday, and is located in the office building. Check out is easy—instructions are posted on the library wall.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU NOVEMBER 30:
Targeted Budget = \$218,309.43; Offerings received = \$231,551.00

CLARISSE and ANDY Sunday school offering status:
Monthly goal = \$100; December-to-date amount: \$114.12

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, January 10** at *Central Christian Church*.



For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com.

DECEMBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Buford Bennett
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Carol Martin
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Paolinis
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Kyle Hansons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Jeanie Brenneman & Nicole Hill
COMMUNION PREP Carlynn Stahlberg
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 23

USHERS/GREETERS Gary & Barb Fenner
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Rose Ann & Aaron Clark
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Will Schmautz’
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Wiersmas
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Joani Eisentraut & Nicole Fisher
COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
11:15 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00–8:30 p.m. at church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Bennett’s home, 513 Crestview Rd. in Kalispell

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 23 – No Sunday school
Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Sunday, December 30 – No Sunday school

– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 6 – No Sunday school
Tuesday, January 8 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’

– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 10 – Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
– Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead

Tuesday, January 15 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 30– Soup Supper & Annual Meeting

SERMON OUTLINE

December 16, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Advent – Light in the Darkness

Sermon Title: *Preparing for Joy*

Sermon Text: Isaiah 12:1-6

I. Turning to joy

II. Triumph of joy

SERMON TEXT: Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)

12:1 You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.”² “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.”⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Chapter 11 of Isaiah speaks of the kingdom of the Messiah. Ch. 12 is the conclusion of both that theme and the theme of the first 12 chapters. The Messiah of ch. 11 is the Lord himself in ch. 12. How does that instruct us as we celebrate Christ’s advent?
2. Consider: “*Verse 2 celebrates a glorious paradox: the angry God is finally the only source of comfort...In the end ‘comfort’ (=salvation) can be found only by fleeing into the arms of the righteous God whose wrath we have incurred.*” –Berry Webb
3. As God’s people, finding delight and joy in Him is a command. So much so, that we find God’s judgment on Israel for failing to do this (Deut 28:47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart...). Why is joy so integral to our faith?
4. This chapter has many parallels to Exodus 15. Verse 2b is nearly identical to Ex 15:2a, and v.5 echoes Ex 15:21. Each are songs after a deliverance of the Lord. How is this instructive for us?
5. In what way is repentance the foundation for our joy? How does repentance fuel our hearts with praise?
6. Consider: “*For the Christian joy is the central thing in life, sorrow is peripheral.*” – G.K. Chesterton
7. What role does biblical joy have in your life in Christ? How are you challenging yourself to be happy in Jesus?