

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Samaritan House, Kalispell

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for David and Ulrike Byle in Turkey with the Bible Correspondence Course and Operation Mobilization.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch after the second service Sunday, Nov. 8, with Z & C, church planters in New York City with the NYC International Project. This ministry develops house churches and disciples international students. Please sign up in the foyer.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will collect shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up box labels in the foyer and learn more at samaritanspurse.org. ***Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 15.*** Contact the church office for details.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Nov. 16-19 at the church at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to our **ANNUAL THANKS DINNER** on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Dinner is served family-style, and it's always a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all God has provided for us. We'd love to have everyone join us. To RSVP and see what food to bring, please sign up in the foyer!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELP NEEDED: We've been working on a plan to provide Children's Church for both services, but we need five more teacher/helper teams. CC is held during the sermon time using excellent curriculum that's very well laid out and requires minimal prep. If you would like more information, please contact the church office or Dar Wassink (249-6589 or darwassink@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 1, 2015

SERVING: November Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay

Infant Nursery: Hearn/Putzlers

Toddler Nursery: Neumanns/Salyers

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Glenda Quick

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday - November 8

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/C. Miller

Toddler Nursery: Hearn/C. Hanson

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Diane Nugent

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Men's Fraternity

Tue. & Wed. 6 am

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God”
Ephesians 2:8*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 100 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 821

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD - Hymn #92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

*Indicates when to stand.

*'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.
(Chorus)

*BENEDICTION

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Associate Pastor Shane Waldron & Pastor of Music Aaron Scott

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Duane Martin (emeritus), Don Olmsted, Matt Riley,

Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson, Jan Wassink *Deacons:* Buford Bennett, Doug Brown,

Ike Eisentraut, Bill Gamble, Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

**Call to
Worship**
Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us into
his presence.
Because of Christ,
we can approach
God with boldness
even though
we are sinful
and weak.

***ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)
Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

**The Lord's
Supper**

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - Hymn #115**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 36:5-7**

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep ... How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

*I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED

When I am lost, when I am all alone,
burdened by my sin and shame, there's one place I can go.
I look towards the cross where my Savior died,
suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice, for me, so I can know.

(Chorus)

Now I am forgiven, I have been set free.
Through the blood of Jesus I have been made clean.
Now I know of his mercy because he died for me.
I have been redeemed.
(Repeat all; chorus twice)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalms 25:8-10, 12-14*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies ... Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

All: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
(*Psalms 25*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Sermon Questions for Discussion

1. Christians often have no problem with the idea of salvation by grace, but they live in a way that seems to functionally deny this claim. Why do we often struggle with the idea that we are saved by grace in how we live?
2. There are questions that Scripture does not directly address: 'Why do some people receive this sovereign grace and others do not?' While not an answer, how does bringing this question back to you personally help with this?—(as opposed to talking about salvation in the abstract).
3. What does it mean to say that "if we are saved by grace, then there is nothing the Lord can not ask of us"?
4. Consider: B.B. Warfield: "*The saving power of faith resides thus not in itself, but in the Almighty Savior on whom it rests ... It is not, strictly speaking, even faith in Christ that saves, but that Christ saves through faith.*"
5. Consider: Speaking on Eph 2:8-10 and salvation by grace alone, Martin Lloyd-Jones said: "*More and more am I convinced that most of our troubles in the Christian life really arise at that point. For if we are not right at the beginning we shall be wrong everywhere. And it is because so many are still confused at that very first step that they are always full of problems and difficulties and questions, and do not understand this and cannot see that. It is because they have never been clear about the foundation.*"
6. How does this gospel truth of salvation by grace and not by works change how you deal with others who are not meeting your expectations?
7. What are the good works being referred to?

Call to Confession

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

Sermon Notes
November 1, 2015
Pastor Lloyd Pierson
The Heart of the Gospel
Ephesians 2:8-10

I. God's gift ...

II. That keep us from pride

III. That produces good fruit

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Matthew 11:28-30*

Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

***WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR**

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper; spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

(Chorus)

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne;
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

(Chorus 2x)

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

*Doris Francis
George "Ted" Van
Avilia & Zander Schmautz*

Membership

What was always assumed in the Bible and in the early church, we make more formal today through membership. Our culture's over-emphasis on individualism and personal freedom hinder living out our faith as a community. By joining a local church, we are both working against this trend as well as giving every opportunity to live out the joy of our faith together in a real and committed way.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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)

SERMON & TEXT

Series: Ephesians 2 - God's Gift

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

The Heart of the Gospel

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Sermon

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

Offering
We give back to God a portion of what he has given us to use to declare that he is Lord of all. (This is part of our service as a church family, and visitors should not feel obligated to participate.)