

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Daniel Lambert
- MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Tim & Emily Herset with
Young Life, non-denominational Christian ministry that disciples teens in Kalispell.
- PRIMER TIMERS POTLUCK:** If you're 50 or older you're invited to a potluck! Please bring one
or two dishes of whatever you want from salad to dessert, on Sunday, Oct. 25, after the second
service. We won't have any games this time — there's always more to visit about than we get
time for — so we'll use our time to catch up over lunch!
- 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 so that when the students return home, they
can start churches in their home countries. Come and hear and fellowship with the this family
as we share lunch and learn what God is doing in New York City.
- 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.
- GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU SEPTEMBER 27:**
Targeted Budget = \$250,120.50; Offerings received = \$254,943.43



October 18, 2015

SERVING: October Deacon - Buford Bennett

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Josh & Marlo Lancaster
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Zephy Hanson
Infant Nursery: Hearn/Tinkhams
Toddler Nursery: Russells/Andersons
Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown/Cathy Hanson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - October 25

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Josh & Marlo Lancaster
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay
Infant Nursery: Motley/Jentz
Toddler Nursery: Hearn/Brown & Hernandez
Fellowship Hosts: Julie Thompson/Judy Fosbery
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Hanni Hanson

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

“Take heart, daughter, your faith has made you well.”

Matthew 9:22

**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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Jeremiah 31:6-7*

Leader: 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'" For thus says the LORD:

All: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, –
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing; –
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending, –
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***JESUS I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear;
think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father's smile is thine,
what a Savior died to win thee: child of heav'n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal day's before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

***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.

***WHOM SHALL I FEAR**

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear? You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

*I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in your name for you alone can save.
You will deliver me, yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

And nothing formed against me shall stand.
You hold the whole world in your hands.
I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful, you are faithful.

You are faithful.

(Chorus 2x)

the God of angel armies is always by my side.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!** - Hymn #498 vs. 1-3, 5

Jesus what a friend for sinners, Jesus lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah what a Savior! Hallelujah what a friend!
Saving helping keeping loving, he is with me to the end*

Jesus what a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing, he my strength my victory wins

(Chorus)

Jesus what a help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking, he my comfort helps my soul

(Chorus)

Jesus I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine

(Chorus)

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS** - Hymn #307

What can wash away my sin, nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again, nothing but the blood of Jesus

(Chorus)

*O, precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my cleansing this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus

(Chorus)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
See FCC Observance on page 11.*

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.

Sermon Notes
October 18, 2015
Pastor Shane Waldron
Hope for the Hopeless
Matthew 9:18-26

We must hope in Christ's...

I. Character

II. Acceptance

III. Power

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you tend to hope in rather than Jesus?
2. What kinds of situations make you feel hopeless? Is there a particular situation you can describe?
3. What aspects of Christ's character give you hope in the midst of the situations you described in your answer to question 2?
4. What has caused you to feel shame and rejection? Is it your body image? Failing at something? Another type of situation? How is your experience of shame similar to that of the woman in v. 20?
5. How does Jesus' acceptance bring you healing?
6. What does Jesus call the woman in v. 22, and what does that communicate? How does this replace her shame with honor?
7. In your own words, describe the honor that belongs to you as a child of the King.
8. How does hope in Jesus make a difference when you grieve the loss of a loved one? And when you think about your own death?

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" —
All: **but we have been rich in pride.**
Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn" —
All: **but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**
Leader: "Blessed are the meek" —
All: **but we are a stiff-necked people.**
Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" —
All: **but we are filled to the full with other things.**
Leader: "Blessed are the merciful" —
All: **but we are harsh and impatient.**
Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart" —
All: **but we have impure hearts.**
Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers" —
All: **but we have not sought reconciliation.**
Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" —
All: **but our lives do not challenge the world.**
Leader: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" —
All: **but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**
Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us.
All: **We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:17*

If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

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.

***PSALM 23**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters. His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus)

*And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone;
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

(Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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)

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS! - Hymn #535

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast unmeasured boundless free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.

O the deep deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

SERMON & TEXT

Hope for the Hopeless
Pastor Shane Waldron

Matthew 9:18-26 (ESV)

⁸While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."¹⁹ And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples.²⁰ And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment,²¹ for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well."²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.²³ And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.²⁶ And the report of this went through all that district.

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.)