

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Fresh Life Church, Pastor Levi Lusko

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Aaron and Angie Scott and the Church of the Cross, the PCA church plant in Whitefish.

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. For details, contact the church office or Dar Wassink (249-6589 darwassink@gmail.com).

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the holidays Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. The more the merrier so plan on pitching in to transform our sanctuary for the holidays!

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Winter quarter Sunday School classes for adults start Sunday, Dec. 6. Pastor Shane will be teaching on the Gospel of John and the other class will be the video-based course, The Family Project, from Focus on the Family. Sign up in the foyer today!

LADIES’ CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Ladies 3 to 93 are invited to Christmas lunch Sunday Dec. 6, at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy lunch and assemble Christmas gift baskets for the Refuge so bring a small gift item (or several) to share. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are due TODAY! Please leave boxes under the table in the foyer. They will be delivered later this week. Call the office with questions.



November 15, 2015

SERVING: November Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)
Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Ken & Terri Miller
Children’s Church: Sharon Salyer
Infant Nursery: Hearn/Carlsons
Toddler Nursery: Bennetts/Buckners
Fellowship Hosts: Donelle Holderbaum & Sue Richardson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday - November 22
Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Ken & Terri Miller
Children’s Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson
Infant Nursery: Uzzis/H. Hansons
Toddler Nursery: Hearn/Lancasters
Fellowship Hosts: Terri Miller & Laura Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Mark Rice

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 he himself is our peace ...”
Ephesians 2:14

**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:** *Revelation 19:1,2,5*

Leader: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
for his judgments are true and just.

All: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small
and great.

***JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, bloss'ning meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou the Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the might chorus, which the morning stars began;
father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us upward in the triumph song of life.

**Indicates when to stand.*
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***MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE** - *Hymn #648*
My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first lov-ed me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

***BENEDICTION**

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.
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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.

**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.

***BE STILL MY SOUL - Hymn #689 vs. 1-3**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

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

***O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO**

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

***CORNERSTONE**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone;

weak made strong in the Savior's love;

through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil;

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Questions for Discussion

1. What is your fundamental orientation toward minorities? Is it reconciliation? Criticism? Something else?
2. How can we best live out the gospel in the way we think and speak about other races?
3. Think of some of the most common criticisms that whites have about minorities. How are these criticisms parallel to remarks that God could make about us?
4. How would it change our perspective on minorities if we did not stand over them in judgment, but rather saw ourselves as fellow sinners who stand next them, and need to be reconciled to God?
5. Read James 1:19. Why is this verse important for us to remember when we hear complaints of racisms from minorities?
6. When you think of the issue of race in our society, do you first think in categories provided by the media (welfare, crime, education disparities, affirmative action, etc.), or do you think in biblical categories (humanity made in the image of God, Christ crucified to reconcile people, etc.)? Why?
7. How should the following biblical categories shape our thinking about race in our society?
 - Humanity made in the image of God
 - A common human origin from the same parents (Adam and Eve)
 - Christ crucified for the purpose of reconciling different races together
 - The biblical command to do unto others as you would have them do unto you
 - A single new family composed of all who are in Christ

SERMON & TEXT
Series: Ephesians 2 - God's Gift
Pastor Shane Waldron

Breaking Down Barriers
Ephesians 2:14-18(ESV)

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Sermon Notes

I. Peace with Other People

II. Peace with God

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 7:15, 20-23*

There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

All: Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and defiled. Out of our hearts come love of this world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. We thirst for your cleansing, O God. Forgive us, renew and transform us; take away our defilement through Jesus your Son– in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Revelation 21:6-7*

And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

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.

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Eliza Anne Morrison

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)

WHY SO HEAVY, OH MY SOUL?

Oh why so heavy, Oh my soul?
Thus to myself I've willed
Oh why so heavy, Oh my heart?
And so sorrow filled?

(Chorus)

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be
Thy Glory and thy endless praise
His saving grace shall comfort thee
Through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art
And yet will he redeem
Oh be thou of a contrite heart
And put your trust in him

(Chorus 2x)

Oh why so heavy, Oh my soul?

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.)