

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Rocky Mountain Community Church - PCA, Billings, Pastors Alfred Poirier & Jason Barrie

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.

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch after the second service TODAY, with Z & C, church planters in New York City with the NYC International Project, a ministry to unreached people groups.

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 every-one 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).

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Nov. 12, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

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. *Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 15*

CHILD BRIDGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING for those interested in Foster/Adoptive Care at Glacier Church (690 Grandview Dr.) Monday, Nov. 16, at 6-7:30 pm - dinner provided.



November 8, 2015

SERVING: November Deacon - Mike Stahlberg		WEEKLY/MONTHLY
<u>Today (1st service/2nd service)</u>		Worship Services
Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg		Sundays 8:15 & 11
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer		Music Practice
Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/C. Miller		Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Toddler Nursery: Hearn/C. Hanson		Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay		Wednesdays 7 pm
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Diane Nugent		Trustees
<u>Next Sunday - November 15</u>		1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Ken & Terri Miller		Elder/Deacon Meeting
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer		3rd Tuesdays 7 pm
Infant Nursery: Hearn/Carlson		Elizabeth Women
Toddler Nursery: Bennetts/Buckners		2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon
Fellowship Hosts: Donelle Holderbaum & Sue Richardson		Men's Fraternity
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini		Tue. & Wed. 6 am

*“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
Ephesians 2:13*

**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

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *NYC International Project*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalms 47:1-4*

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.**

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

***JESUS SHALL REIGN** - *Hymn #441 vs. 1-4*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

**Indicates when to stand.*
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PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS** - *Hymn #252*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***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.
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**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.

***THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

(Interlude)

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

***BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus)

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(Chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

***TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son, our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

Sermon Questions for Discussion

1. A major problem in the early church was Jewish Christians struggling with non-Jews becoming covenant members without being Jewish. Where has ethnicity been a barrier to your acceptance of others in the church? Why do we need to keep a sharp distinction between barriers of ethnicity and barriers that are moral by nature?
2. What parallels do you find with v-13 and Isaiah 57:19? Look at Romans 9:24-26 and 1 Peter 2:10. What was considered a profound thought in Paul's day (Acts 10:45), is hardly noticed by us today. What does that tell us about the difficulty of seeing our own cultural blinders? What helps us overcome these?
3. What separates us from the Lord? How is that distance overcome?
4. How is remembering where we have come from healthy in our walk in grace? How can it become twisted?
5. Where have you struggled with issues of identity in your life? How does the gospel address our deepest identity issues?
6. What would it be like to be in a troubled _____ (marriage, family, job, etc) without hope and without God? How does Jesus give us hope even if circumstances do not change?

SERMON & TEXT
Series: Ephesians 2 - God's Gift
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Brought Near
Ephesians 2:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—
¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Sermon Notes

I. How we were far off

II. How Jesus has brought us near

III. How we treat one another

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***BEAUTIFUL LORD**

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,
I'm captured by this love I see.
Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,
your mercy brings me to my knees.
It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.*

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.
(Chorus 2x)

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)

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.)