

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell,  
Pastor Mark Cutler

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please ask God for abundant grace and wisdom as Kevin Johnson teaches and equips students for ministry at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia, Medellin, Colombia.

SOUND HELP NEEDED! We may be down to having only two sound volunteers this winter so are in desperate need of more volunteers. Please contact Pastor Aaron ASAP if interested.

PRIME TIMERS POTLUCK: If you're 50 or older, you're invited to a Christmas potluck TODAY after the second service. Please bring one dish (main dish, salad or dessert) to share and an item for the Flathead Food Bank. We will visit and share favorite Christmas memories. Help with set up and clean up is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE CHANGES: On Sunday, Dec. 27, there will be no Sunday School or Children's Church (during the second service). They will both resume Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016. Youth groups will not meet Wednesdays, Dec. 23 and 30.

Our CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Services will be held this year at 5:30 and 8:00 p.m.

SCS FOREIGN STUDENT HOST: A host family is needed in January for a foreign student coming to Stillwater Christian School. All tuition and fees are paid by the student and a monthly stipend is offered to the host family. If interested, contact Renee Wynne, Admissions and International Study Director at SCS at 471-1177.

LOST AND FOUND: Please remember to check the lost and found in the fellowship hall for dishes from Thanks dinner and other items that might belong to you!

SERVING: December Deacon - Ike Eisentraut	WEEKLY/MONTHLY
<b>Today (1st service/2nd service)</b> Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Sandy & Gloria Johnson Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson Infant Nursery: Neumanns/Tinkhams Toddler Nursery: Hearn/C. Miller Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Barbara Makowski Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Donelle Holderbaum	<b>Worship Services</b> Sundays 8:15 & 11 <b>Music Practice</b> Tuesdays 5:30 pm <b>Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group</b> Wednesdays 7 pm <b>Trustees</b> 1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm <b>Elder/Deacon Meeting</b> 3rd Tuesdays 7 pm <b>Elizabeth Women</b> 2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon <b>Men's Fraternity</b> Tue. & Wed. 6 am
<b>Next Sunday - December 20</b> Ushers: Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan/Tim & Kate Anderson Children's Church: Sharon Salyer Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/C. Hanson Toddler Nursery: H. Hanson/Carlson Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Judy Fosberry Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Jeanie Brenneman	



December 13, 2015



“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me;  
your throne will be established forever.”  
2 Samuel 7:16

**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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**\*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.

**\*O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear

*(Chorus)*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*Shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here  
And drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light  
*(Chorus)*

O come, Desire of nations, bind, all people in one heart and mind  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease, fill all the world with heaven's peace  
*(Chorus)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear  
*(Chorus)*

*\*Indicates when to stand.*  
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**\*HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING** - *Hymn #203*

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the favored one.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

**\*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, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson, Jan Wassink  
Deacons: Buford Bennett, 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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).  
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com).

**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.

**\*THE FIRST NOEL**

The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*(Chorus)*  
*No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el*  
*Born is the King of Is-rael*

They looked up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east beyond them far:  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
*(Chorus)*

And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
*(Chorus)*

Then let us all with one accord,  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind has bought.

**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 COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

O come, all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of angels:

*(Chorus)*  
*O come let us adore Him,*  
*O come let us adore Him,*  
*O come let us adore Him,*  
*Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest  
*(Chorus)*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this holy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father  
now in flesh appearing  
*(Chorus)*

**\*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.

**\*REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.  
(Repeat)

(Chorus)  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;  
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.  
(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.  
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery!  
(Chorus 2x)

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** 2 Samuel 22:26-28

With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man  
you show yourself blameless; with the purified you deal purely, and with  
the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.

**All:** Lord of all mercy and compassion, I am neither blameless nor  
pure. My heart is crooked, and I elevate myself at the expense of  
others. Forgive me for my sins and cleanse me from my defile-  
ment, that through my Redeemer, Christ Jesus, I might be pure  
and spotless. Grant me a humble heart, and by your Holy Spirit,  
enable me to strive for new and fresh obedience, all to the praise  
of your glorious grace. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Sermon Questions for Further Reflection**

1. Israel wanted a king for the wrong reasons (1 Sam 8:5-9, 19-20). Yet God uses the king to accomplish his great purposes for Israel. How is this both a judgment and a mercy for Israel?
2. The book of Judges repeated the phrase: "In those days Israel had no king and everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Jdg 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25). Not having a king was a seen as a bad thing. Why? How does this square up with Samuel's assessment of Israel rejecting God with their desire for a human king?
3. In what way is the covenant expanding and filling out with advent of a king?
4. God does not surrender his rule, rather he chooses to include the office of king as part of his ruling structure. The king becomes a covenant mediator. How do the prophets later turn the failure of Israel's kings into a future messianic hope?
5. Westminster Shorter Catechism #26: "How does Christ execute the office of a king? Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies." (See also Larger Catechism #45)
6. How is David a 'type' or a picture of Jesus? How do they differ?
7. What about Jesus' coming as a king was completely unexpected? How is this still a struggle for Christians today in our own expectations of what we think God should be doing?

**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.

*Long Live the King*  
2 Samuel 7:8-16 (NIV)  
Sermon Notes

I. The Protection of the King from her Enemies

II. The Preservation of the King for her Unity

III. The Provision of the King for her Worship

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 2 Samuel 22:29-31  
For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

**\*O COME DIVINE MESSIAH, COME**  
O come, divine Messiah, come! The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.  
O Come, O Come

Dear Savior haste; come to the earth, dispel the night and show your face,  
Come take on flesh; behold the birth; full of truth and grace  
O Come, O Come

You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be;  
All clothed in human weakness; shall we your Godhead see.  
O Come, O Come

O Christ, for whom all nations cry; whom priest and prophet long foretold,  
Crush the evil serpent's lie; redeem the long-lost fold.  
O Come, O Come

Destroy sin's power; raise the dead; put death to death, and reign as head  
Return in glory at the hour; and gather the saints with your great power  
O Come, O come (x3)

**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.)

**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)*

**GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN**

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas, all others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

**SERMON SERIES**  
*Advent - Help Is On The Way*  
**Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**

*Long Live the King*  
**2 Samuel 7:8-16 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. '"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever. '"

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