

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Aletheia Christian Fellowship, Kalispell,
Pastor Scott Keller

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for J & E, PCA missionaries
who served Arab refugees for the past two years, and are now part of a pastoral plant team.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, January 20, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**.

A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to
attend but you do not need to be a member to attend. The annual report and budget will be
available Sunday, Jan. 10, for the congregation to review before the meeting.

SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the foyer. Twelve
pots of soup, any kind, are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each. Please bring your pot of
soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on January 20. *Thank you!*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would
help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with the coffee hour, nursery,
fellowship activities, or communion preparation, and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on
a volunteer schedule, you don't need to sign up again.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering
with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Jan. 14 at Central Christian Church. If you
have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

NEIGHBORS IN NEED WINTER WARM UP: Neighbors in Need is collecting decent sleeping
bags in good condition to give away. If you have a sleeping bag to give away, you can bring it
to the church by Jan. 24.



Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 10, 2016

SERVING: January Deacon - Buford Bennett		WEEKLY/MONTHLY
<u>Today (1st service/2nd service)</u>		Worship Services
Ushers: Jevon & Aaron Clark/Bruce & Benni Tulloch		Sundays 8:15 & 11
Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson		Music Practice
Infant Nursery: Motley/Tinkham		Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Toddler Nursery: H. Hanson/C. Miller		Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Cathy Hanson		Wednesdays 7 pm
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Theresa Paolini		Trustees
<u>Next Sunday - January 17th</u>		1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Ushers: Jevon & Aaron Clark/Bruce & Benni Tulloch		Elder/Deacon Meeting
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay		3rd Tuesdays 7 pm
Infant Nursery: Uzzi/C. Hanson		Elizabeth Women
Toddler Nursery: Bennetts/Carlsons		2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon
Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Glenda Quick		Men's Fraternity
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Mark Rice		Tue. & Wed. 6 am

*“Put off your old self ... and be renewed
in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self,
created after the likeness of God
in true righteousness and holiness.”
Ephesians 4:22-24*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
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!

**Indicates when to stand.*

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*ON JORDAN’S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.
(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.
(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in his bosom rest?
(Chorus 2x)

*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, 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.
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God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

**God Communes
with Us**
The Lord strength-
ens and nourishes
our faith through a
sacramental meal.
Through Jesus,
communion with
God has been re-
established. The
covenant has been
renewed. The
Lord's Supper is
the gospel made
visible for us and
we share in it as
the full community
of God's people.

***PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

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

***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.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moon and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. When Jonathan Edwards was 19, he came up with a list of 70 resolutions that he wanted to live by. His opening remarks were: “Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God’s help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will for Christ’s sake.” Why is this essential to put in the beginning, middle and end of any resolutions we make?
2. What does the making of resolutions tell us about ourselves?
3. Why do you think we often fail and fail badly at them? What are some false motivations for change?
4. What does it mean to get to the heart of desire for change in a particular area? How is this related to idolatry?
5. What is the danger of moralism in making resolutions? How do we get past this or can we?
6. How do we not make this all about us? What is the role of the Church and Christ’s glory in our sanctification?

**God
Consecrates Us**
Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

SERMON SERIES
New Year's Resolutions
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
I Hereby Resolve To ...
Ephesians 4:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Sermon Outline

I. The Drive for New Resolutions (Why do we want them?)

II. The Defeat of Failed Resolutions (Why do we fail at them?)

III. The Design for Resolution in Christ (How do we move forward?)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments- Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 2:17-18*

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

***WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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)

THERE IS A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT

There is a land of pure delight, where saints, immortal reign.
Infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

(Chorus)

*Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er.
Not Jordan's streams nor death's cold flood should fright us from this shore.*

There everlasting spring abides, and never withering flowers:
Death, like a narrow sea, divides this heavenly land from ours.

(Chorus)

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy thoughts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love with unclouded eyes!

(Chorus 2x)