

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Canvas Church, Pastor Kevin Geer

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Garrett & Sarah Morrison, with 100 Fold Studio, presently working on site at a YWAM campus in Cambodia

JUST LOOKING CLASS for those interested in learning more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America resumes Sunday, Feb. 21, after the second service.

PRIME TIMERS POTLUCK: If you're 50 or older, you're invited to a potluck TODAY, after the second service. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. Help with set up and clean up is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

BABY SHOWER: Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jenny Petersen Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kate Anderson (134 Stillwater Lane). If you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Kristin Bay in the office by Feb. 16 (752-2400).

LEADERSHIP CLASS starts again Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This session's topic: Leading with Awareness - The Art of Dealing with Yourself and Others.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS FIRST SERVICE: You're invited to their first public service Sunday, Feb. 28, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

LADIES - IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! For ONE DAY ONLY Saturday, March 5, come take time away to study and reflect and connect with the women of Faith Covenant. Join us 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for sessions from Tim Keller's book, *Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything*, plus lunch and dinner with lovely mountain views at 231 East Many Lakes Drive (MAP on registration form). Registration just \$15! Sign up in the foyer by Feb. 28.

SERMON RECORDINGS: Due to computer upgrades, the office will no longer be providing CD's of sermon recordings but you can always listen at www.faithcov.com. If you have questions about finding or downloading sermons, contact the church office (752-2400).



February 14, 2016

SERVING: February Deacon - Micah Hill

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Ken & Terri Miller
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer
Infant Nursery: Bennetts/Tinkham
Toddler Nursery: Motleys/Help Needed
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - February 21th

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Ken & Terri Miller
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer
Infant Nursery: Brown & Hernandez/C. Hanson
Toddler Nursery: J. Thompson/Carlson
Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Tami Jentz
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosbery/H. 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

*"The king said to Daniel,
'Surely your God is the God of gods and
the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries,
for you were able to reveal this mystery.'"
Daniel 2:47*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

*ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

(Chorus)

Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;
shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
his blood atoned for every race,
his blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Chorus)

*Indicates when to stand.

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*TIS' SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(Chorus)

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.

(Chorus)

*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, Terry Falk, Bill Gamble (emeritus), 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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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.

***THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

(Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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

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.

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE, *continued

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,

"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

(Chorus)

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.

With confidence I now draw nigh,

with confidence I now draw nigh,

and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

(Chorus)

***COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?

Who can teach the one who knows all things?

Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFSSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

All: Most Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and dedicated heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy upon us O Lord, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. And all of this we ask through the name of our Redeemer – Jesus. *(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer-1946)*

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. How do Arioch and Daniel contrast in their approach to the King in terms of self-promotion? Where do you see this play out in your life?
2. The dream shows the regress of humanity rather than its progress. Yet for us, we also witness the progress of the gospel into the world. How have you seen both the regress of humanity while also seeing the progress of God’s kingdom?
3. Traditional interpretation of the statue:
Head of gold=Babylonian Empire
Chest of silver=Medo-Persian Empire
Thighs of bronze=Greek Empire
Legs of Iron=Roman Empire
The main objection to the traditional interpretation is that it would require prophecy to be given before the event. In what way does a Christian view of life make this a non-issue?
4. Consider: “Though circumstances appear to favor the power of the ungodly human personalities and institutions, God will overpower them.” —Longmann
5. What is significant about the rock not being made with human hands? Who is this rock? (cf. PS 118:22; Matt 21:42; Luke 20:9-19; 1 Peter 2:6-8; Is 8:14; Rom 9:33)
6. What do we learn about these four men’s response to waiting for the Rock? How has the Lord called you to enter into society as a part of his kingdom building?

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.

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.

Sermon Outline
The Big Dreams of a Small King - Daniel 2:24-45

I. A Promotion

II. A Preview

III. A Promise

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 5:11-12*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.)

***AMAZING GRACE** - Hymn #460, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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)

I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED

When I am lost, when I am all alone,
burdened by my sin and shame, there's one place I can go.
I look towards the cross where my Savior died,
suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice, for me, so I can know.

(Chorus)

*Now I am forgiven, I have been set free.
Through the blood of Jesus I have been made clean.
Now I know of his mercy because he died for me.
I have been redeemed.*

(Repeat all; chorus twice)

Daniel: Living in Babylon

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

The Big Dreams of a Small King - Daniel 2:24-45 (NIV)

²⁴ Then Daniel went to Arioch ... and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." ²⁵ Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means." ²⁶ The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?" ²⁷ Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come...²⁹ "As Your Majesty was lying there, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen. ³⁰ As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

³¹ "Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue--an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. ³² The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. ³⁴ While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. ³⁷ Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; ³⁸ in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky... You are that head of gold. ³⁹ "After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. ⁴⁰ Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron...so it will crush and break all the others. ⁴¹ ...this will be a divided kingdom... ⁴² As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle...so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united... ⁴⁴ "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵ This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands... "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy." ⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. ⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery."...