

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: The Dwelling Place, Kalispell,
Pastor Dan Sandler

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg, and their children, for blessing, wisdom, endurance, and joy as they labor with World Ventures in Madagascar on reforestation and maternity projects.

BAKED POTATO POTLUCK: Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Potato Potluck TODAY, following the second service. The fellowship committee will provide the baked potatoes and salad – you bring the toppings and dessert!

EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED in honor or memory of your loved ones. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Forms are available on the table in the foyer for you to fill out and leave in the box provided or you may return them to the church office along with \$10.00 (per lily), no later than Sunday, March 20. Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to take them home after the worship service.

LEADERSHIP CLASS meets again Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This session's topic: Leading with Awareness - The Art of Dealing with Yourself and Others.

Please join us on Friday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. for our **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**. On **EASTER SUNDAY**, March 27, Faith Covenant Elders and Deacons will serve breakfast at 9:30 a.m. between the two regular services. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 30: Junior and senior high youth groups will not have their regular Wednesday night meetings, March 30, during the school spring break.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU FEBRUARY 29:

Targeted Budget = \$63,306.87; Offerings received = \$62,199.24

CHURCH OF THE CROSS: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their worship services on the third Sunday of each month - next on **March 20** - at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.



March 13, 2016

SERVING: March Deacon - Ike Eisentraut

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Phil & Carol Van Duyne

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne

Infant Nursery: Neumanns/Tinkham

Toddler Nursery: J.Thompson/C. Hanson

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Theresa Paoloni

Next Sunday - March 20th

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Phil & Carol Van Duyne

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne

Infant Nursery: Uzzi/Carlson

Toddler Nursery: H.Hanson/Lancaster

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Cathy Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Mark Rice

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11

Sunday School for All

Sundays 10 am

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

"I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end."

Daniel 6:26

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 18**

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.

All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

All: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME - Hymn #296**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

(Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

***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, 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.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

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.

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.

***GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.
(Chorus 2x)

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.

***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - Hymn #295**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

***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.

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 unbeclouded eyes!

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSON OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 51:5-6, 16-17*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart...For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (*Psalm 51:1-4, 10*)

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. At this point in Daniel's life, he would be at least 80. He has lived what Nietzsche called: "A long obedience in the same direction." Why do you think so many paintings and Sunday school pictures show him as a young man? Does it matter?
2. Daniel is one who was apart of the culture and government of his day and yet he remained apart from it as well. What is instructive about this for us today? How do we thread the needle as it were between being separatists or syncretists?
3. What comfort would God's people take from this account? Consider: "In spite of present appearances God is in control." –Longmann
4. In what way does Daniel embody the prayer of Solomon in 1 Kings 8:35-36?
5. How is this account of Daniel and Jesus in the tomb alike? How are they different?

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.

to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: "May you prosper greatly!"²⁶ "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end."²⁷ He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."²⁸ So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Sermon Outline

It's Hard To Be A Dual Citizen - Daniel 6:1-28 (NIV)

I. The Practice of Power

II. The Practice of a Pilgrim

III. The Preservation of the Lord

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 23:1-4*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

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)

A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD - Hymn #175

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
a wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
where rivers of pleasure I see.

(Chorus)

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love
and covers me there with His hand,
and covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved;
He giveth me strength as my day.

(Chorus)

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise
to meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love
I'll shout with the millions on high.

(Chorus)

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.)

Daniel: Living in Babylon

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

It's Hard To Be A Dual Citizen - Daniel 6:1-28 (NIV)

¹ It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel... ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel... They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

⁶ [They] went as a group to the king and said... the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing... ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room... Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men... found Daniel praying and asking God for help... ¹³ Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing..." ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel ... ¹⁵ Then the men went ... to King Darius and said to him, "Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed."

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den... ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and... he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den... no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

²⁴ At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children... ²⁵ Then King Darius wrote