

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** First Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell,  
Pastor Ed Koteskey

**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

**DIACONAL OFFERING:** This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering  
for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering en-  
velopes located in the pew racks.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SPRING AHEAD MARCH 13!** Remember to turn your clocks  
ahead one hour for next Sunday morning, March 13.

**SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Spring Sunday School Classes for adults start TODAY,  
with Pastor Shane teaching "Film & Faith: Watching Movies as a Christian" in the fellowship  
hall & Micah Hunter in the sanctuary, "With One Voice: Music, Worship & The Church".

**BAKED POTATO POTLUCK:** Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Potato Potluck Sunday, March 13,  
following the second service. The fellowship committee will provide the baked potatoes and  
salad – you bring the toppings and dessert! Sign up in the foyer.

**LEADERSHIP CLASS** meets again Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This ses-  
sion's topic: Leading with Awareness - The Art of Dealing with Yourself and Others.

**EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED** in honor or memory of your loved ones. Your dedica-  
tion 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.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering  
with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, March 10, at Central Christian Church. If  
you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).



*March 6, 2016*

**SERVING:** March Deacon - Ike Eisentraut

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

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

Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson

Infant Nursery: Motley/Putzler

Toddler Nursery: Bennetts/Brown & Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Glenda Quick

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Diane Nugent

**Next Sunday - March 13th**

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: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

**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

*"When Nebuchadnezzar's heart was lifted up and his spirit  
was hardened so that he dealt proudly,  
he was brought down from his kingly throne,  
and his glory was taken from him...  
And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart,  
though you knew all this."  
Daniel 5:20, 22*

**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: *Gideons International*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 9*

\*SING TO THE KING!

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.  
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,  
and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

(Chorus)  
*Come, let us sing a song,  
a song declaring that we belong to Jesus;  
he's all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.*

For his returning we watch and we pray;  
we will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.  
(Chorus 2x)

\*Indicates when to stand.  
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\*MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE - *Hymn #648*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,  
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

\*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](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.

**\*JESUS PAID IT ALL - Hymn #308**

I hear the Savoir say, your strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me your all in all

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, your power and yours alone  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

*(Chorus)*

For nothing good have I, whereby your grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb

*(Chorus)*

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

*(Chorus)*

**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**

**\*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)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Lamentations 3:22-24**

**All:** The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never  
come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faith-  
fulness. The LORD is my portion, therefore I will hope in him.

**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.

**\*COME YE SINNERS**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.  
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Acts 3:19-20*

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that  
times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he  
may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

**All:** Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for  
the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more  
than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after  
shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would  
blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for  
our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his  
glory for our shame. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Sermon Questions For Further Reflection**

1. Compare the Nebuchadnezzar with his son. How are they different?  
What can be said of the nature of God's mercy with these two men?
2. Why is Daniel upset with Belshazzar in a way that he was not with Ne-  
buchadnezzar?
3. How does sin make us impervious or intentionally unaware of the dan-  
gers around us?
4. Compare Belshazzar with the rich fool in Luke 12:20. How are these  
similar? Read Matt 24:37-42. How does this compare with Belshazzar?  
With us?
5. What about the nature of God's judgment keeps us from making judg-  
ments on others? Why do we so often "interpret" events in the lives of  
others as God's judgment? What does this tell us about our own hearts?
6. We are not called to be morally neutral in the world around us. How can  
we maintain God's truth without acting as a judge of others? How does  
this combine with the call to judge the fruit of others (Lu 6:44, Mt 12:33)?

**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.

<sup>24</sup> "Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. <sup>25</sup> And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. <sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation.. : MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup> TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."  
<sup>29</sup> Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. <sup>30</sup> That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. <sup>31</sup> And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Sermon Outline  
*Willfully Unaware - Daniel 5:1-31*

I. Self-blindness - there is no cure

II. God’s judgment - there is no escape

III. How not to judge

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Acts 4:11-12*  
This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

**\*BLESSED ASSURANCE** - *Hymn #693*  
Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Chorus)  
*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Chorus 2x)

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERS:

Nathan Turner

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

*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)*

HOUSE OF GOD, FOREVER (PSALM 23)

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast  
In the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me  
In the house of God forever  
(repeat)

**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.

*Willfully Unaware - Daniel 5:1-31 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords... when he tasted the wine, he commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them... <sup>4</sup> They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

<sup>5</sup> Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace... And the king saw the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup> Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. <sup>7</sup> ...The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." <sup>8</sup> ... but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. <sup>9</sup> Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.

<sup>10</sup> The queen...came into the banqueting hall, and...declared, "...<sup>11</sup> There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods...King Nebuchadnezzar, your father--your father the king--made him chief of the magicians... <sup>12</sup> because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."

<sup>13</sup> Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. <sup>14</sup> I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you... Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be [rewarded]..."

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. <sup>18</sup> O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty... <sup>20</sup> But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him...<sup>22</sup> And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup> but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And you have drunk wine from the vessels of his house. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold...which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.