

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Glacier Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Jamie Wood

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Tim and Emily
Herset as they lead Young Life in Kalispell and pray for the kids they graciously serve.
There will be a brief CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY at 9:45 a.m. to release Pastor
Shane Waldron to his new call at Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Church in Denver.

MEN’S RETREAT APRIL 29-30: Men are invited to their annual retreat at the Bend Guard Sta-
tion on the Thompson River Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. Sign up in the foyer today!
Cost for food will be divided among those attending. Contact the office for details.

LADIES’ SPRING TEA MAY 1: Women and girls of all ages are invited for tea, treats and a talk
from Kate Anderson Sunday, May 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP
by signing up in the foyer.

VBS - SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 20-24 for kids age 4 to
fifth grade and a new VBS program where kids will join the Scottish Sleuths to solve The
Case of the Hidden Hero ... the amazing story of God's providential protection of His people!
Contact Joni Jenks (cascade.jenks@gmail.com) for opportunities to serve.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU MARCH 31:
Targeted Budget = \$91,443.25; Offerings received = \$91,769.60

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 - TODAY - at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish
Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S CONFERENCE: Men are invited to this national equipping
conference at Easthaven Saturday, May 21. Find out more at ironsharpensiron.net or contact
Sandy Johnson (471-6220) for more information. Early group registration deadline is May 11th
so register online or sign up in the foyer.

SERVING: April Deacon - Bruce Tulloch		WEEKLY/MONTHLY
Today (1st service/2nd service)		Worship Services
Ushers: John & Marty Mullins/Jim & Ellen Rowe		Sundays 8:15 & 11
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer		Sunday School for All
Infant Nursery: Motleys/Jentzs		Sundays 10 am
Toddler Nursery: Neumanns/Carlsons		Music Practice
Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Audrey Goodell		Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Hanni Hanson		Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Next Sunday - April 24		Wednesdays 7 pm
Ushers: John & Marty Mullins/Jim & Ellen Rowe		Trustees
Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson		1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/Lancaster		Elder/Deacon Meeting
Toddler Nursery: Uzzi/Buckner		3rd Tuesdays 7 pm
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus		Elizabeth Women
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Yvonne Hernandez		2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon



April 17, 2016

*“I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying,
‘O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant
and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his
commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and
acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from
your commandments and rules.’”*
Daniel 9:4-5

Our worship is a
response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of our
worship reflects
the gospel.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *2 Samuel 22:47-50*

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

All: the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples
under me, who brought me out from my enemies;

Leader: You exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered
me from men of violence.

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

***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!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Indicates when to stand.*

***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

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)

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

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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 wor-
ship of God as his
people now ex-
tends 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 strengthens 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.

***YOUR LOVE, OH LORD**

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.
(Repeat all)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

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

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

***BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven your gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus)
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(Chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(Chorus 2x)

***WEARY OF EARTH, MYSELF AND SIN**

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free,
And to Your glory take me in, for there I long to be.

(Chorus)
Let a poor laborer here below, when from his toil set free;
To rest and peace eternal go; for there I long to be.

Burdened, dejected and oppressed, ah! Where shall I flee,
But to Your arms for peace and rest? For there I long to be.
(Chorus)

Empty, polluted, dark and vain, is all this world to me;
May I the better world obtain; for there I long to be.
(Chorus 2x)

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free.

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that he come into our presence.

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"–

All: **but we have been rich in pride.**

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn"–

All: **but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

Leader: "Blessed are the meek"–

All: **but we are a stubborn people.**

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"–

All: **but we are filled to the full with other things.**

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful"–

All: **but we are harsh and impatient.**

Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart"–

All: **but we have impure hearts.**

Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers"–

All: **but we have not sought reconciliation.**

Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness"–

All: **but our lives do not challenge the world.**

Leader: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me"–

All: **but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect but they are both too great for us.

All: **We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.**

(adapted from Matthew 5:3-11)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Reading Deut. 28:64-68 and 1 Kings 8:33-34, 46-51, Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10 gives us a background for Daniel's prayer. Daniel's thinking and actions are founded on God's revelation. How is this instructive for our prayers? What does it tell us about the ongoing importance of God's Word long after it was written?
2. What is significant about the covenantal name "Yahweh" or "LORD" being used here in this prayer? It used seven times here in ch. 9 and nowhere else in the book of Daniel. The other places it is the word "Lord" translated from "Adonai."
3. In vs 15-19, Daniel appeals to God's mercy and not on the hardship of their circumstances. Have there been times when you have prayed because you thought God owed you something that you were not getting? How does Daniel's prayer correct this?
4. We see that repentance leads to deliverance. How do we keep this from being a "work" of our righteousness? (hint look at v-8) How is our being in covenant with the Lord the foundation from which our repentance can flow?
5. When Jesus speaks of his blood being the blood of the covenant (Mat. 26:26-30), he recenters the OT covenant upon himself. What does it mean to say that "Jesus' death and resurrection is the foundation of our faith, not our repentance?" What then is the value of repentance?
6. The 70 weeks is almost certainly symbolic. We see that the Lord has given limits to suffering and sin that will come about in his own timing without revealing the exact time.
7. How does ch. 9 speak to us of Jesus being our hope in the midst of darkness?

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 Outline

I. A Model Prayer

II. A Mysterious Response

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 9:15*
He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

*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)

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)

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.)

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)

Daniel - Living in Babylon

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Why Don't Angels Answer My Prayers? - Daniel 9:1-27(ESV)

² In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

³ Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets... ⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness... ⁸ To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. ⁹ To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him ¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. ¹¹ All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. ¹³ As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth. ¹⁴ Therefore the LORD has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice...

¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸ O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy...

²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, ²¹ while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice... ²² "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding...

²⁴ "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place... ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. ²⁷ ...And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."