

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 21, 2016

*“The jailer brought them into his house
and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy
because he had come to believe in God—
he and his whole household.”*

Acts 16:34

**Call to
Worship**
Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us
into his pres-
ence. Because
of Christ, we
can approach
God with
boldness even
though we are
sinful and
weak.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:18-21**

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Leader: The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

***ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

**Indicates when to stand.*

***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.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME**

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6:12-13*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

All: God of grace, you love me, but I have not loved you. You call, but I have not listened. I walk away from my neighbors in need, wrapped up in my own concerns. By my action and my attitude I praise what you condemn. Help me to admit my sin, so that as you come to me in mercy, I may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ my Redeemer.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 16:9-11*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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.)

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)

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)

Amen, Amen.

Guest Sermon
Pastor Bryan Clark, Trinity Church PCA, Bozeman
Healing for a Polarized Nation - Acts 16:25-40 (NIV)

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

³⁵ When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." ³⁶ The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."

³⁷ But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out."

³⁸ The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. ³⁹ They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city.

⁴⁰ After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.

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Sermon Outline

I. What is so amazing about this midnight party? (16:33-34)

II. Why does Paul finally say the magic words? (16:35-39)

III. Who were first members of the church? (16:40)

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Some feel that our country is more divided now than any other time in recent history. Would you agree or disagree? Why?
2. This story suggests that an open heart leads to an open home. Have you ever opened your home on short notice to someone very different from you? Do you make it a habit to practice hospitality?
3. Do you feel like many different kinds of people would be received warmly in your church? Can you give positive examples? Negative examples?
4. Have you ever felt like you don't connect with the type of people at Faith Covenant Church? If so, when have you felt this way?
5. Do you find that you spend most of your "hang out time" with people who are just like you? If so, why do you tend to do that?

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.

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

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 unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; 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, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, 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

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.

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.

*REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,
the only wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery!

(Chorus 2x)

*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.

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 (*emeritus*), Terry Falk,

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Bible Study Fellowship

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for David and Ulrike Byle with Operation Mobilization in Istanbul, Turkey.

AUGUST MISSION MEAL: Join us Sunday, Aug. 28, for lunch after church with Kady Schmautz serving with 100 Fold Studio. Sign up in the foyer today!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve on **TUESDAY, AUG. 23**, at Central Christian Church. They are in need of four crockpots of pulled pork, rolls, coleslaw and dessert for 50. If you can contribute, please contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

CHURCH CAMPOUT: Ready for a campout under the stars with your church family? Plan on joining us August 26-27 at Tally Lake! Sign up in the foyer - cost is free but you provide your own food & gear. Contact the office for details.

MEN'S FRATERNITY YEAR 2 & 3: "The Great Adventure" starts Wednesday, September 14! Sign up in the foyer for years 2 & 3 of Men's Fraternity, a weekly study that helps men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity as defined in scripture. The year three course will be Wednesdays, 6-7:30 a.m., starting Sept. 14. The year two class, "Winning at Work & Home" will start Tuesday, October 11, at 6 a.m.

FALL SERVICE TIMES: Sunday School for all ages resumes on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. between services. The worship services will change to 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JULY 31:

Targeted Budget = \$218,056.98; Offerings received = \$205,210.53

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICES: You're invited to visit our new PCA church starting in Whitefish for their monthly worship service tonight - **August 21** - at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available

SERVING: August Deacon: Micah Hill

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Jim & Ellen Rowe/Ken & Terri Miller
Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson
Infant Nursery: G. Hanson & Saldamando/Putzlers
Toddler Nursery: Turners/Buckners
Fellowship Hosts: Glenda Quick & Yvonne Hernandez
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday - August 28th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Help Needed
Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill
Infant Nursery: S. Thompson/Carlsons
Toddler Nursery: Motleys/Brown & Hernandez
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Mark Rice

Summer Worship Services

Sundays 9 & 11 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

College Summer Group

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

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