

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

September 17, 2017

*“And the LORD made his people very fruitful
and made them stronger than their foes.”*

Psalms 105:24

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Leader: And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

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!

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

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly 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 power a sceptre 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 flowers 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

**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.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD** - Hymn #307

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we ask, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. We need your righteousness, for all our works are dead apart from you. Grant that we may, in humility and meekness, seek you and draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look to Christ Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 61:10*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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.

***IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Desmond John Falk

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 Corner Classroom)

*BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

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.)

Psalm 105—The Faithfulness of God
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
When God Hides - Psalm 105:12-24 (ESV)

¹² When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it,
¹³ wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people,
¹⁴ he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account,
¹⁵ saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!"
¹⁶ When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread,
¹⁷ he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
¹⁸ His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;
¹⁹ until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.
²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free;
²¹ he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions,
²² to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.
²³ Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
²⁴ And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes.

Sermon Outline

I. Abraham —A son is coming

II. Joseph—A redeemer is coming

Sermon Outline

III. Jacob—A blessing is coming

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.

Sermon Questions

1. Why might God promise the land of Canaan to Israel and then take them out of the land? What were some of the things that this accomplished?
2. God's fulfillment comes in stages. How does this help shape us in our walk of faith?
3. In verse 14, God protects his people; in verse 16 God summoned a famine; in verse 17 God sent a man; in verse 24 the Lord made them fruitful. How is God's sovereignty both a comfort as well as a struggle for God's people?
4. Scripture shows that God's people are formed out of places of suffering or hostility. Why do you think this is often the case?
5. Deuteronomy 7:7-8 tells us God's election was not based on the greatness of Israel. How does this relate to Romans 5:8?
6. At the end of Jacob's life in Genesis, we see him bless a number of people. In Genesis 47:9-10 he even blesses Pharaoh. Given what Jacob says in 47:9, what do we learn about the nature of blessing?
7. The Lord is present even when it is hard to see. He keeps his promises in crucifixion and he keeps his promise in resurrection. How has this been a personal challenge for you?

*HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus)

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

(Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

(Chorus 3x)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance on below)*

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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*LIFT HIGH THE CROSS - Hymn #263 vs. 1, 3-5

(Chorus)

*Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name*

Come brethren follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious Christ the Son of God

(Chorus)

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee

(Chorus)

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace

(Chorus)

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

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 Taylor Clark

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

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Great Plains Gathering, Billings
PCA Native American church plant, Pastor Josh Charette

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Tim Bentson, PCA Mission to
the World in Osaka, Japan, with Genesis International College

CHURCH CHOIR KICKOFF: Our church choir starts Sept. 19, and we are in serious need
of more singers for all parts. If you are interested or have questions, contact Terri Miller
(270-7958 or t_kmiller@msn.com). Practices are Tuesdays at 7-8:30 p.m.

BABY SHOWER: Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jill McKenzie Thursday, Sept. 21,
at 7 p.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr.). If you would like to contribute to a
group gift card, contact Kristin Bay (249-2411).

MEN'S FRATERNITY 3 starts Thursday, September 21, at 6 a.m.! Sign up in the foyer ASAP
for year 3 of Men's Fraternity, a weekly study that helps men (18 and older) understand
their masculine identity in scripture. On October 11, the new 33 Series will begin. Contact
Grady Bennett (314-4207) or Rik Goodell (890 1973) with questions.

NEW MEMBER CHURCH POTLUCK: Everyone is invited for lunch Sunday, Sept. 24, af-
ter second service to meet new families that have been joining our church family. Please
bring a salad (last names A-L) or dessert (last names M-Z); main dish will be provided.

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more
about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Classes are Sun-
days after second service starting Oct. 1 for four weeks. Lunch provided. Sign up in the foyer.

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in
Whitefish, TODAY, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell
Ave). Childcare available.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED CHILI LUNCHEON Friday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Lunch
for \$10 will be served at Northridge Lutheran Church OR delivered to your business/office.
Call 752-7266 to order. NIN helped over 900 families in 2016.

SERMON RECORDINGS can be found at our website faithcov.com. Listen online, sub-
scribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the sermon title.

SERVING: September Deacons are Micah Hill & Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Nick & Hanni Hanson
Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Hernandez/Rowe
Nursery 11 a.m.: Matterns
Fellowship Hosts: Marlo Lancaster & Sharon Salyer
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Hanni Hanson

Next Sunday - September 24th

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Nick & Hanni Hanson
Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Petersens
Nursery 11 a.m.: Ockert/Putzler
Fellowship Hosts: Tamie Jentz & Kate Anderson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm