

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

February 3, 2019

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes.”*

Romans 1:16

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:23*

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from
day to day

***COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING** - *Hymn #302*

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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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.

SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: *Psalm 36:5-7

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep ... How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Titus 3:1-2*

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

All: Holy and righteous Father, I confess that you alone are good. Forgive me, O Lord, for speaking evil against those you have placed in authority over me; while I may have shown outward obedience, my heart has often been in rebellion against them. I have not been ready for every good work, nor have I avoided quarrels, but at times I have even delighted in them. Forgive me for not being gentle and kind. Lord, I was once foolish, disobedient, led astray, a slave to various passions and pleasures, passing my days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating in return; but because of Jesus, I no longer have to live like that. Father, please make me more like him in every way. (*Adapted from Titus 3:1-3*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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.

***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

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 Corner Classroom)

DOXOLOGY (ROMANS II)

Oh, the depths of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments,
How untraceable his paths.

Who knows the mind of our God?
And who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God, that God should repay?
For from Him, through Him,
To Him is everything.
To God be the glory forever and ever,
To God be the glory forever, Amen.

(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.)

Romans: Coming Under Grace
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Good News: God Found Us - Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Sermon Outline

I. The Power of the Gospel

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. The Uniqueness of the Gospel

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 Questions

1. What is the gospel? Give a 10 second answer and then a minute answer.
2. In v-15, Paul says he is eager to preach the gospel and then in vs 16-17 gives three reasons. What are they?
3. Why would Paul mention not being ashamed of the gospel? What possible problem might he be addressing ?
4. Consider: “One of the amazing paradoxes of God’s working in a person’s heart and consciousness is that, while faith in the gospel, in Christ Jesus, and in God is always a gift from God, it is also in a very real sense more fully and more truly a person’s own decision than anything he or she could decide or do by themselves.” —Richard Longenecker.
5. There is nothing like the Christian gospel anywhere in the world. The idea that God finds us while we were yet sinners is a completely foreign thought. Why do you think some react so strongly against this idea.
6. What is “universalism” and why is it wrong?

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. 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.

***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 to 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.*

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)*

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.

***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You
(Chorus)

***BENEDICTION**

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

**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 worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)
Elders: Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (*sabbatical*), Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,
Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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: Saint Herman Orthodox Church, Kalispell, Father Daniel Kirk,

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for David and Ulrike Byle as they serve with Operation Mobilization.

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 envelopes located in the pew racks.

LADIES - IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, come take time away to study, reflect and connect with the women of Faith Covenant. Join us for a night away to study Psalm 19 at Stillwater Mountain Lodge north of Whitefish with our speaker Katie Polski. Total cost is just \$45 for lodging and 3 meals! Sign up in the foyer by Feb. 24. Contact Kristin Bay with questions (249-2411).

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us **Sunday**, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet. Childcare available.

CHURCH SPOTIFY: Check out the recent church enews for a link to a selection of our church music on Spotify from our music director Bekah Marsh. Contact the church office to be added to the enews mailing list (office@faithcov.com).

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Feb. 14 at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

VALENTINE LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER: Help Neighbors in Need and enjoy spaghetti lunch Thursday, Feb. 14, at 11 am to 1 pm at Northridge Lutheran Church or call 752-7266 to order lunches for takeout. NIN is an ecumenical fund of last resort for people in need in our community that helped more than 1000 individuals in 2018.

SERVING: February Deacon - Terry Falk

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Ken & Terri Miller

Children's Church: Julie & Anna Thompson

Early Nursery: Streichs

Late Nursery: Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Niam Moody

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Lorrie Gomez

Next Sunday February 10th

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Ken & Terri Miller

Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner

Early Nursery: Lillards

Late Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Jenny Heyboer & Cathy Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Jeanie Brenneman

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Youth Groups

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

Vespers

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

Elizabeth Women Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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