

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 3, 2019

*“Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.
For you have died, and your life
is hidden with Christ in God.”
Colossians 3:2-3*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 100:1-2, 5*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***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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*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 moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: *Psalms 36:5-7*

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness
to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest moun-
tains, your justice like the great deep ... How priceless is
your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shad-
ow of your wings.

God Calls Us

The Lord sum-
mons his peo-
ple 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 com-
mand, and not
our command
that He come
into our
presence.

***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)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalms 25:8-10, 12-14*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies ...Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

All: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (*Psalms 25*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Matthew 11:28-30*

Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 AS YOU ARE**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

*(So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(Chorus)

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

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)

FAIREST LORD JESUS - Hymn #170

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature

O thou of God and man the Son

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor

Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands

Robed in the blooming garb of spring

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer

Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight

And all the twinkling starry host

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heaven can boast

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations

Son of God and Son of Man

Glory and honor, praise, adoration

Now and forevermore be thine

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.)

Colossians
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Hidden in Christ — Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Sermon Outline

I. The Exhortation —What I want you to do

II. The Reason—Why I want you to do it

Sermon Outline, *continued*

III. The Promise—The blessing that comes in doing it

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 the false teaching presented to the Colossians was nothing more than a parody of the truth. What Christ alone offers them is the real thing. Why is the parody always so appealing to us?
2. What does it mean to say that living for Christ by denying our lives is to be part of our baptismal life? (cf. 2 Cor 4:10-11, Rom 6:4)
3. What does it mean that our lives are hidden in Christ? Looking at Colossians 1:9-14 again, Where does Paul place the emphasis? How does this keep us from moralism (I must do so that God will bless me)?
4. If what Paul is saying is so clear and easy, why do we struggle so much living it out? Look back to question #1. Do you think that techniques, “new insights”, and following the correct steps is a way for us not to really deal with our hearts? How does the gospel make keep our hearts front and center?
5. Why does the truth of this passage make us learn to live with disappointment, hurt, and even some confusion in this life? How does it also call us beyond this to live a life that seeks after Christ in all things?

Children’s Question

What does it mean to have Jesus at the center of my life?

How does that work in day to day things like going to school and playing outside?

**God Communes
with Us**
The Lord
strengthens and
nourishes our
faith through a
sacramental
meal. Through
Jesus, commun-
ion 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.

***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

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)

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

*WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

(Chorus)

*Because of His great love we are not overcome
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath
(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

*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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

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

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: St. Herman Orthodox Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Kirk

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pastors Aaron Scott, Jake Neufeld and Russ Tamm who lead the Church of the Cross, a PCA church plant in Whitefish.

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.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet this week, Monday –Thursday, Nov. 4-7, at the church at 3:45-4:30 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Andersons' (225 Terrace Rd., Kalispell), and Nov. 20 at Sacketts' (800 Steel Bridge Rd.). Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug and recharge in reflective quiet as we follow this beautiful liturgy of worship. Childcare provided.

MOMS HELPING MOMS: Come meet FCC moms of all ages for help and encouragement Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr., Kalispell). Childcare available. Contact Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758).

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Please join our Christmas choir! Rehearsals start Sunday, Nov. 17.

The choir will sing at both services Dec. 22 and Christmas Eve. If you are 13 or older, want to get involved in music at Faith Covenant and love to sing, please join us! Sign up in the foyer and/or contact Bekah Marsh for more information (434)882-2319.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to celebrate the **40th Anniversary of Faith Covenant Church** at a special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m. followed by a pie reception. Join us for testimony and commemoration of all God as done for and through His local church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will again collect shoeboxes for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up labels/instructions in the foyer. Please do not include toothpaste, candy, or any other food; and the shipping cost is \$9/box. Bring your boxes to the church by Sunday, November 17.

SERVING: November Deacon—Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Early Nursery: H. Hansons

Late Nursery: Motleys

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Arline Tinkham

Next Sunday November 10th

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Early Nursery: J. Thompson

Late Nursery: Turners

Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gary & Barb Fenner/Staci Bennett

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 6 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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