

FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 13, 2019

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I have for you...and for all who have not seen me face to face,
that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love,
to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding
and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.”
Colossians 2:1-2*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: *Mission Meal*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 118:1-4

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE - *Hymn #38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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when to stand.
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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*TO THEE I COME

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Galatians 3:10-11*

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

All: O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numbered and aggravated offenses?

Leader: We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserve your grace and thus have mocked your gospel.

All: We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency.

Leader: We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood.

All: Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us.

Leader: We have failed to be your priests and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed.

All: Lead us to repentance and save us from despair.

Leader: Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Help us believe the gospel for your glory.

(Prayer of Confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Galatians 2:19-20*

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

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.

***JESUS PAID IT ALL (O PRAISE THE ONE)**

I hear the Savoir say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine 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, thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

*O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

(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 Corner Classroom)

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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.
Paul's Concern — Colossians 2:1-5 (ESV)

¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Sermon Outline

I. In with the Good

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Out with the Bad

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 motivates Paul to work so much for and care for these believers that he has not met? How does that challenge your own understanding of what it means to love your neighbor?
2. In v-2, what are the four things that Paul wants to address with the Colossians? How are these a part of what it means to be mature (Col 1:28)?
3. Consider: "Defection and distortion were routine pastoral concerns for the apostle Paul and his co-workers. Every page of Paul's letters is engaged in pastoral encouragements or polemics or apologetics, which reminds us that at the heart of the apostolic vocation were spiritual agony, prayer, listening, learning, and discussions with others about the problem rising when the gospel takes root in a new community" Scott McKnight. Discuss.
4. A central theme of Colossians is to be "in Christ". Paul speaks of it some 15 times in 4 chapters. Jesus is the not just a clue or key to understanding God. How is this an encouragement to you? Why is it so hard to keep this the main thing?
5. How do we keep the good balance between positive encouragement and negative warning? What happens if we only speak of one without the other?

Children's Question

What does it mean for Jesus to be the very center of our lives?

**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.

***AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN** - Hymn #455, vs. 1-5

And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me, who caused His pain! For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, should die for me?

(Chorus)

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries, to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

(Chorus)

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

(Chorus)

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.

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

*ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ
(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ
(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. — 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: Family Life Christian Church, Kalispell, Pastor Frank Mack

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Tim & Emily Herset leaders, Young Life Kalispell.

HAY MAZE & CHILI LUNCH: Everyone is invited to join us TODAY at 12:30 p.m. for a chili lunch at the church and the Flathead hay maze (entry paid by the fellowship committee).

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 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.

MISSION MEAL: Sign up in the foyer for a mission meal Sunday, Oct. 20, after church with Dr. Pete Anderson the Director of Trinity Center for World Missions (trinitycwm.org) who will present on Trinity's work in Africa.

COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY meets on the second & fourth Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Second Wednesdays at Andersons' (225 Terrace Rd., Kalispell), and fourth Wednesdays at Sacketts' (800 Steel Bridge Rd.). Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions. The next October meeting will be Oct. 23.

MEN'S FRATERNITY 33 SERIES starts in October. Volume 3: A Man & His Traps will start Tuesdays, Oct. 29, at 6 a.m. Volume 5: A Man & His Marriage will start Wednesdays, Oct. 30, at 6 a.m. Sign up in the foyer for these weekly studies that help men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity in scripture. Contact Rik Goodell (890 1973) with questions.

SERVING: October Deacon - Micah Hill

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Lancaster Family

Children's Church: Julie Thompson

Early Nursery: Julie Thompson

Late Nursery: Cathy Hanson

Fellowship Hosts: Jennifer Hargett & Audrey Goodell

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday October 20th

Ushers: Mike & Julie Thompson/Lancaster Family

Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner

Early Nursery: Hunters

Late Nursery: McManus/Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Susan Sackett

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

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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