

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*November 10, 2019*

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.”  
Colossians 3:17*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:1-4**

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

### **\*PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53, vs. 1-2, 4-5**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him

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## \*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus)*

*How great is our God, sing with me.  
How great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;  
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise  
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

*(Chorus)*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### **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.

**\*GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

*Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)*

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.

*Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)*

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

*Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)*

*Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)*

*Goodbye*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son, our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

### **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.

**\*O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS - Hymn #535**

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love -  
leading onward, leading homeward, to that glorious rest above!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus - spread his praise from shore to shore!  
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
how for them he's interceding, watching o'er them from the throne!

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!  
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus - 'tis heaven of heavens to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

**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)*

## HIS MERCY IS MORE

*(Chorus)*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more  
*(Chorus 2x)*

### **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.  
*Clothes That Fit — Colossians 3:5-17 (ESV)*

<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Sermon Outline**

I. Off with the Old

II. On with the New



## Sermon Questions

1. Why is it so important to keep in mind the “already but not yet” nature of our faith when it comes to how we behave? What happens when we get this wrong?
2. Consider: “Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God’s will.”— Dietrich Bonhoeffer. How is this a greater motivation for the life of a believer? Why do we often settle for just avoiding sin?
3. Consider: “There is only one genuine cure for legalism. it is the same medicine the gospel prescribes for [lawlessness]: understanding and tasting union with Jesus Christ himself. This leads to a new love for and obedience to the law of God”—Sinclair Ferguson. How does this explain the good news of Jesus Christ both to the self-righteous and to the self-loathing?
4. Consider: “Forgiveness is love surviving sin. That is what forgiveness is: love surmounting sin. And love that survives sin is a higher, deeper, more beautiful love than anything Adam and Eve ever knew or could have known before the Fall. There is a greater love to be practiced in the Christian life than any other love in the world.” —Dr. Rayburn. By this standard, how is your love for others doing?
5. Forgiveness is a gift to give and not a demand to make. What the Lord may require of us is not the right for others to demand of us. Have you ever demanded someone forgive you? What was your motive for doing so? Were you trying to control their response?

## Children’s Question

*Belonging to Jesus really looks different.*

*People can see the amazing love of Jesus come from you to them.*

*How does this encourage you to live for Jesus even when people are not nice to you?*

**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.

## \*FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show  
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below  
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own  
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

### 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.

*(Chorus)*

*Forgiven, forgiven  
Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own  
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below  
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown  
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

*(Chorus)*

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past  
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last  
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong  
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

*(Chorus 2x)*

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

### \*GLORIA PATRI - Hymn #735

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen, Amen

### \*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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).  
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Rocky Mountain Community Church, Billings, PCA, Pastors Jason Barrie & Rolf Meintjes

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

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us TONIGHT, 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH TRAINING:** All new and current children's church volunteers are encouraged to attend a training on the new curriculum. Come to whichever session works for you—after first service Sunday, Nov. 17, at 9:30 a.m. OR after second service on Nov. 24 at 12:15 p.m.—both in the church library.

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

**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. **Sign up in the foyer to bring a pie.**

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING:** An offering will be taken at the Thanksgiving Service for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. This fund supports widows of PCA pastors and missionaries and disabled pastors. Consider contributing to this worthy cause this holiday season.

**SHARE THE THANKS:** Do you have a seat to offer another brother or sister at your Thanksgiving dinner table? Are you interested in sharing a meal with another family? Sign up in the foyer if you would like to host or be hosted this Thanksgiving, and we'll help you make a new connection. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** Remember to bring your gift boxes to the church by Sunday, November 17. Pick up labels/instructions in the foyer. Please do not include toothpaste, candy, or any other food; and the shipping cost is \$9/box.

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**SERVING:** November Deacon - Phil Van Duyne

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

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

**Next Sunday November 17th**

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Sandy & Gloria Johnson  
Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson  
Early Nursery: Saldamando/Jentz  
Late Nursery: Falk/Russell  
Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Terry & Judy Fosbery/Gloria Johnson

**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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