

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 2, 2022*

*“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in one body.”  
Colossians 3:15*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60; Psalm 72**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

### **\*COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive  
*What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep

*(Chorus)*

*No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el  
Born is the King of Is-rael*

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
and so it continued both day and night

*(Chorus)*

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
and to follow the star wherever it went

*(Chorus)*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught  
and with his blood mankind has bought.

### **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.

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**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.

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

**All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**All: But I make you into who I want you to be.**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

**All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

**All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.**

Leader: You shall not murder.

**All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.**

*continued above*

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Adapted from the Ten Commandments - Exodus 20)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 2:17-18*

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**\*LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Light of the World, treasure of heaven  
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky  
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness  
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Light of the World from the beginning  
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love  
From great heights of glory You saw my story  
God You entered in and became one of us

*(Chorus)*

*Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done  
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World*

Light of the world, crown in a manger  
Born for the cross to suffer to save  
High King of Heaven death is the poorer  
We are the richer by the price that He paid

*(Chorus)*

Light of the World soon will be coming  
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own  
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory  
And there He shall reign forevermore

*(Chorus)*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*

*Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 11 a.m. service (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

### O COME ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

O come, all you unfaithful, come, weak and unstable

Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying, come

See what your God has done

*(Chorus)*

*Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken

Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run

See what your God has done

*(Chorus)*

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon

His promise is peace, for those who believe (2x)

So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering

Come, see what your God has done

*(Chorus)*

### **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.)

*Sermon Series: New Years*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*A New Year, A New Leaf — Colossians 3:1-17 (ESV)*

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

<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<sup>4</sup> 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. The Desire for Newness

II. The Drag of the Old

III. The Delight of Christ

**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 does the desire to make new resolutions tell us about ourselves?
2. What drags us down from accomplishing these new desires?
3. How does Jesus enable us to move forward?
4. Why does, "Try harder!" not work?
5. How is our sanctification a communal effort?

## Children's Question

*People like to start fresh at the beginning of the year and make good changes in their lives. How does Jesus bring about a new desire for us to change?*

## \*ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:  
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.  
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

### 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.

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.  
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

*(Chorus)*

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

*(Chorus)*

*O for grace to trust Him more!*

## 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

*8:15 Elder Tom Jentz — 11 Elder Micah Tinkham*

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

**\*GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN - Hymn #224**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy Light.*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born  
And brought us God's salvation that bless-ed Christmas morn!*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

**\*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: Asst. Pastor Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett*

*Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown*

*Elders: Tim Anderson, 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*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Fresh Life, Kalispell, Pastor Levi Lusko

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jamie & Alyssa Shattenberg, Madagascar

**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.

**EVENING SERVICES** will resume Sunday, Jan. 9, with Vespers at 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022:** Sunday School classes for all ages will begin again on Jan. 9. Classes for adults will include Ezekiel with Pastor Lloyd and On Parenting with Trent Neumann. Sign up in the foyer.

**TAKING DOWN THE GREENS:** Many hands make lighter work, so if you can pitch in to undecorate the church on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. your help would be appreciated!

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Sunday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** will begin Wednesday, Jan. 26, with studies at 9:30 a.m. (with childcare), 12:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will read *Transforming Grace*, by Jerry Bridges. Sign up and pick up books in the foyer and read the first chapter for all studies. Payment for the books (\$5 each) will be collected at each study.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Jan. 13, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

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**SERVING:** January Deacon – Mike Stahlberg

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

Ushers: Nick Hanson/TBD

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Dawn McGarvey

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Jeanie Brenneman

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Wednesdays**

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Women's Bible Study 9:30, 12:45, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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