

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*February 1, 2026*

Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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Revelation 1:17-18

## Call to Worship

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: *1 Chronicles 16:12, 23*

Remember the wondrous works that the Lord our God has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered. He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

### \*THE LORD IS MY SALVATION

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

\*Indicates when to stand.

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## \*THE LORD IS MY SALVATION (cont.)

*Glory be to God the Father*

*Glory be to God the Son*

*Glory be to God the Spirit*

*The Lord is our salvation*

*(Repeat)*

*The Lord is our salvation*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

    Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

    On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts

    As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

    For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
        and the glory forever.

Amen.

## Colors in the Church

We use different colored banners in a symbolic way throughout the liturgical year.

White = purity & holiness

Purple = royalty & suffering.

Red = blood & fire

Blue = royalty

Black = mourning & death (only used on Good Friday)

Green = life & growth

### Call to Confession

We all sin daily,  
in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

### \*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*

### 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, 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 lovingkindness 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.

### \*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSiON OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## \*WHEN TRIALS COME

When trials come no longer fear  
For in the pain our God draws near  
To fire a faith worth more than gold  
*And there His faithfulness is told*

Within the night I know Your peace  
The breath of God brings strength to me  
And new each morning mercy flows  
*As treasures of the darkness grow*

I turn to wisdom not my own  
For ev'ry battle You have known  
My confidence will rest in You  
*Your love endures Your ways are good*

When I am weary with the cost  
I see the triumph of the cross  
So in its shadow I shall run  
*Till You complete the work begun*

One day all things will be made new  
I'll see the hope You called me to  
And in Your kingdom paved with gold  
*I'll praise Your faithfulness of old*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.  
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

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

O 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!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus - spread his praise from shore to shore!

    How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore

    How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own

    How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!

    'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus - 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
    and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

**Diacaonal  
Offering**  
The first  
Sunday of  
every month is  
the Diaconal  
offering.  
Please use the  
Special Offering  
envelopes  
located in the  
pew racks.

*Sermon Series—Revelation*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*The Son of Man—Revelation 1:9-20*

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup>Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup>As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## I. A Shared Suffering

## II. A Sovereign Messiah

**Sermon**  
God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

### Questions for Further Reflection

1. To share in affliction, the kingdom, and endurance is part of what it means to be a Christian. What does sharing these with believers around the world look like for you? Have you thought of yourself as a partner with them?
2. What does John mean when he says he was in the Spirit? He says this also in Revelation 4:2; 17:3; and 21:9-10.
3. What John sees here is similar to what Daniel describes in his vision (Daniel 7:9-14). How do we see Jesus and Yahweh identified together? Why is maintaining a trinitarian foundation crucial to understanding Revelation (and the whole Bible too)?
4. Why is John not to fear? What is the foundation for his confidence? Where does the living Christ enter into your life right now to still your fears? How does this vision of Christ Jesus comfort you?
5. What is the significance of the series of sevens? What do you think this is wanting to communicate to us? Where is Jesus at in this vision? How is that significant for us as we navigate the challenges of our time?

### Children's Question

*It is easy to be afraid when we are by ourselves.*

*How does Jesus remind you that he is present with you and that you are not alone?*

## \*EVEN SO COME

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

(Chorus)

*Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true

Jesus is coming soon

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

*So we wait, we wait for you  
God, we wait; you're coming soon*

(Chorus)

Even so come Lord Jesus come

## 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)*

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.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*ALL MY BOAST IS IN JESUS

What wonder of wonders, what love is this  
That Christ would die for me  
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness  
This sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride, be crucified  
The work is finished

(Chorus)

*All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled  
With graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord  
Who else is worthy?

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

*O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ, my Lord*

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ  
In plenty or in want  
That I may know, that all may see  
His pow'r within me

(Chorus)

Now I stand in His freedom  
Ransomed, clean in His sight  
And I cannot be ashamed for  
*My boast is Jesus Christ (3x)*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Flathead Valley Chaplains

**FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS:** Kelli Hansen, serving with One Collective in Athens, Greece

**SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCK:** TODAY after the second service for those in the Riley/Thompson group.

**CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS:** In lieu of the prayer service, there will be a time of Q&A with the pastors TONIGHT in the sanctuary.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Next Sunday, Feb. 8, at 6 pm on the theme of “Lent—Reflection and Contemplation”

**QUILTING BEE:** Meet at Arlene Wilson's home on Feb. 12 and/or Feb. 26 from 9:00 - 3:00 to work together to make gifts for Faith Covenant's new babies and brides. Lunch is provided! For more information or to RSVP, reach out to Arlene.

**LADIES QUARTERLY COLLOQUIUM—TEACHING:** On Sat., Feb. 21, from 9-3, the ladies of Faith Covenant are invited to look at the heart of a teacher, the mind of a learner, how to prepare, communicate, and lead a teaching/study. This colloquium will focus specifically on teaching in a Bible study setting but can be applied to various teaching contexts. Cost is \$5 for lunch and workbook. Sign up in the foyer.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Missions Meal for Kelli Hansen, Sun., Feb. 22, following the 2nd service.

**HOSPITALITY MENTORING:** The hospitality team would love to invite the ladies from Faith Covenant into their mentoring program. More information and signups in the foyer. Contact Deanna Kotila with questions.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** March shepherding group potlucks—Anderson/Petersen (3/1) & Olmsted (Jentz)/Tulloch (3/15)

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### **SERVING: February On-Call Deacon - Terry Falk**

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

Ushers: N&H Hanson / B&K Bay

Children's Church: D. Tinkham / T&K Anderson

Nursery: Ourslands / M. Falk & K. Brown

Fellowship Hosts: M. Wilkerson & K. Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: T. Carroll / T. Paolini

#### **Next Sunday February 8**

Ushers: N&H Hanson / B&K Bay

Children's Church: D. Tinkham / T&K Anderson

Nursery: K. Haymond & T. Jentz / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: C. Duncan & A. Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: E. Pierson / H. Embry

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### **WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

#### **Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 11 am

#### **Sunday School**

10 am

#### **Vespers**

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

#### **Sunday Evening Prayer Svc**

Non-Vespers Sundays @ 6 pm

#### **Wednesday Youth Group**

6-7:30 pm (MS) / 6:30-8:15 pm (HS)

#### **Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

#### **Men's Breakfast**

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am