

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*April 19, 2026*

Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of  
our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day  
and night before our God.

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Revelation 12:10

**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: *Psalm 147, Revelation 4***

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

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when to stand.  
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**\*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53**

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 does prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

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.

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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

**\*BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

*(Chorus)*

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus)*

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

*(Chorus)*

*You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)*  
*(Chorus)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

## WE HAVE NOT LOVED THEE

We have not loved Thee with a pure heart  
Nor have we loved each other  
We've not done justly and we've not loved mercy  
Nor walked humbly with God

So, have mercy, have mercy  
Jesus, have mercy, have mercy on us  
*(Repeat all)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 2:13-14*

When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

### **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.

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

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your 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)*

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

*(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.)

**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)*

NOTHING LEFT TO SAY/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The firstborn over all creation  
Far beyond imagination  
All visible and invisible things  
Bow before Christ our king

The Godhead dwelling fully in Him  
Yet crucified for our salvation  
So incredible indescribable God  
Jesus Christ Lord of all

*(Chorus)*

*Holy*

*All God's children singing holy  
Nothing left to say but holy  
Oh Lord Almighty*

The radiance of God in person  
Beyond all human explanation  
Once invisible now a visible God  
Jesus Christ Lord of all

*(Bridge 2x)*

Sing now sing as one  
Come and join the angels  
Come and join the song  
A melody well known  
From beginning of creation  
To the end of kingdom come

*(Chorus)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

*Sermon Series—Revelation*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Cosmic Conflict—Revelation 12*

*Revelation 12:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. <sup>3</sup>And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. <sup>4</sup>His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. <sup>5</sup>She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, <sup>6</sup>and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. <sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

I. A Birth

## II. A Battle

### **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. How would you tie Revelation 12 with Paul's admonition that we wrestle not with flesh and blood but with powers and principalities (Ephesians 6:12)?
2. John's symbolism tells us the woman is more than Mary. She represents the faithful people of God, the messianic community. What is the good news shown here for God's people? How does this encourage us when things look grim for the Church?
3. Satan is the accuser. What are his primary means of attacking the Church? How are you responding against these attacks as a member of Christ's Body, the Church?
4. Christ crushes Satan through the warfare of his Church. What does verse 11 tell us about the nature of our warfare?
5. Chapter 12 is often viewed as the central chapter of Revelation. How are God's people both encouraged and admonished here? How are you actively pursuing the peace and the purity of the church?

### **Children's Question**

*Satan is at war with God's people. He will completely lose in the end, but now he is still on the attack through persecution, lies, and false teaching. How does our testimony about Jesus help defeat him?*

**\*WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS - Hymn #261**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

**The Lord's  
Supper**

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

**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**

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.

**\*THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION** - Hymn #347 (vs. 1-2 & 4-6)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord  
she is his new creation by water and the Word  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale  
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee

**\*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.

**Leaders & Staff**

*Senior Pastor:* Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. | *Associate Pastor:* John Sackett | *Youth & Family Pastor:* Jake Neufeld  
*Elders:* Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann,  
Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham  
*Deacons:* Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,  
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch  
*Director of Women's Ministries:* Sarah Morrison | *Director of the Refuge:* Sissy Hashley  
*Music Director:* Lisa Iddings | *Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries:* Dawn Tinkham  
*Staff:* Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Rocky Mountain PCA Community Church, Billings

**APRIL MISSION FOCUS:** John Hudson & 100 Fold Studio

**APRIL SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:**

- T. Neumann/J. McGarvey/P. Jentz: TODAY

**MAY SHEPHERDING GROUP POTLUCKS:**

- S. Iddings/W. Carroll: May 3

**REFUGE KIDS:** is in need of more volunteers! Reach out to Sean Iddings or contact the church office if you're interested in helping out with this important support ministry of the Refuge. Refuge Kids meets from 5:30-7:30 on Thursday evenings.

**MISSION MEAL:** There will be a mission meal next Sun., Apr. 26, after the second service to hear an update from the Berlin mission team. Sign up in the foyer to bring a dish to share at the German-themed luncheon.

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**SERVING:** April On-Call Deacon - Mike Thompson

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: J. Jenks & N. Streeter / Falk Family  
Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / A. Brown  
Nursery: M&J Mattocks / Z. Hanson & C. Kliem  
Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & D. Kotila  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond / T. Paolini

**Next Sunday April 26**

Ushers: J. Jenks & N. Streeter / Falk Family  
Children's Church: C. Duncan & C. Carroll / A. Brown  
Nursery: Morrison Family / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez  
Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & D. Kotila  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond / T. Paolini

**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