

## His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Worship to God

Sermon Title: *God Likes What I Like*

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 12:1-9

### **\*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

– words included

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.  
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.*  
*But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC Observance information on the back page.)*

### **PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

– Elder Tom Jentz

**\*LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL** – Hymn #580

**\*BENEDICTION**

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*"Serving One Another in Love"*

*Galatians 5:13*

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### LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVANCE

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. The wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.



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*Displaying God's Glory in a Community of Grace*

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*"You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way."  
Deuteronomy 12:4*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## His Calling and Our Praise

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Daniel 4 & 7*

Leader: I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

**All: How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation. Praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just.**

**\*O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING** – Hymn #164

**\*CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS** – Hymn #295

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

(\*Indicates when to stand)

*We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.*

**\*LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS UNTO THE LORD**

– words included (men lead; women echo)

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,

*(Echo): Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.*

lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

*(Echo): Sing alleluia.*

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;

*(Women descant): Al-le-lu-ia.*

lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

*(Echo): Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!*

In Christ the world has been redeemed,

*(Echo): In Christ the world has been redeemed.*

in Christ the world has been redeemed,

*(Echo): Sing alleluia.*

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;

*(Women descant): Al-le-lu-ia.*

in Christ the world has been redeemed.

*(Echo): In Christ the world has been redeemed.*

His resurrection sets us free,

*(Echo): His resurrection sets us free.*

his resurrection sets us free.

*(Echo): Sing alleluia.*

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;

*(Women descant): Al-le-lu-ia.*

his resurrection sets us free.

*(Echo): his resurrection sets us free.*

Therefore we celebrate the feast,

*(Echo): Therefore we celebrate feast.*

therefore we celebrate the feast.

*(Echo): Sing alleluia.*

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;

*(Women descant): Al-le-lu-ia.*

therefore we celebrate the feast.

*(Echo): therefore we celebrate the feast.*

Sing alleluia to the Lord,

*(Echo): Sing alleluia to the Lord.*

sing alleluia to the Lord.

*(Echo): Sing alleluia.*

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;

*(Women descant): Al-le-lu-ia.*

sing alleluia to the Lord.

*(Echo): Sing alleluia to the Lord.*

**His Renewal and Our Hope**

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Hebrews 3:7-8; 12-14*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness... Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

**All: Heavenly Father, we recognize the deceitfulness of our sin. Too often have we been blinded by its charms; too often have our rebellious hearts hardened against you. Take away our unbelieving hearts, we pray, and give us gospel hope. Replace our feeble faith with a vibrant faith that will hold confidently to the end. Forgive our sins by the power of your Beloved Son, in whom we all share. Grant us humility and shower him with glory. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Hebrews 10:4; 12:14*

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins... But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

**\*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION:** *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.**

**\*BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR – words included**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.

*(Chorus)*

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
you’re the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
you’re the Risen One, heaven’s champion,  
and you reign, you reign over all!*

I long to be where the praise is never ending;  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshipers will share one song,  
and cries of “worthy” will honor the Lamb!

*(Chorus 2x)*

**PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

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

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children’s Church  
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

**\*TO THE ONLY GOD – words included**

To the only God who is able to keep us,  
able to keep us from falling.  
To the only God be all glory and honor,  
majesty and power,  
for all ages now and forevermore.

*(Repeat)*

Forevermore–  
be all glory and honor, majesty and power,  
for all ages now and forevermore.  
Forevermore.

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

Fresh Life Church, Kalispell.

### MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Eliudi and Lucy Issangya from Tanzania. Eliudi established the International Evangelical Outreach which trains ministers, offers trade schools, schools for children and is building a hospital.

**PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE:** Please join us this evening from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

**MINISTRIES IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS:** Specific areas needing help: *Fellowship Committee (4-5 needed)! Nursery M.O.M! Ushers! Audio/Visual! Trustees! Nurseries! Coffee Hour Host! Signups are available* in the foyer or you may contact the church office at 752-2400 if you have questions or to add your name to a list.

**MID-YEAR MEETING FOR ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TODAY**, immediately following Sunday School in the 5th & 6th grade classroom (upstairs overflow room).

**FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP DINNERS!** We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7–9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, February thru May, and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). You will be assigned one of the months to host in your home (or another location of your choice). This is an opportunity to get to know more about many people and to be blessed by meeting together. **Sign up by Sunday, February 5 in the Fellowship Hall!**

**BABY SHOWER FOR BETSY RUSSELL:** Ladies, come join us as we celebrate with Betsy the upcoming birth of her little boy. The shower will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11 in the church Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate in a group gift, please contact Marlo Lancaster or Julie Thompson.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Friday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. will be our annual *Valentine's Sweetheart Supper* at Vivienne's Restaurant. 1) Call the babysitter. 2) Call Nicole Fisher or Sharon Riley to make your reservation. 3) Dust off your wedding picture to bring with you! More details to follow!

**LADIES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT.** Would you like to get to know some other women better, spend quality time in God's Word, and eat wonderful food that you didn't have to prepare yourself? Well then...come to this year's retreat scheduled for February 24-25 at the Thompson's Lake House. This year's theme is "*Growing Deeper Still*", a study on David, using talks by Beth Moore and Kay Arthur. The cost is \$25 for the full retreat. Signups start next week in the Fellowship Hall.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (Grades 6-8) NOW MEETS WEEKLY** on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Matt Riley 261-6554.

**AS WE HAVE TWO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEETING** in the Fellowship Hall after the Coffee Hour, with only curtains as dividers, we ask you to please be courteous and move to another area of the church building or keep your visiting at a whisper when class begins at 11:15 a.m. **Thank you for your consideration of our teachers and students.**

### DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Jan & Dar Wassink  
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**A SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT NEIGHBORS IN NEED** will be held Friday, February 10 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Tickets are \$10 per person; (for pre-ordered delivery, call 752-7266). **Volunteer needs: 8 pies donated, 4 volunteers to serve and 1 parking lot attendant.** Contact Sharon Salyer at 212-1758 if you can help or to purchase tickets.

## JANUARY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Bruce Tulloch  
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Karen Hunnicutt  
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn  
*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.*

## TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Doug & Jeri Brown  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Ellen Rowe & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Hearns  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Judy Fosbery & Tracey Stahlberg  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Dar Wassink  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Diane Nugent

## NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 5

USHERS/GREETERS..... Ken & Terri Miller  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Neumanns  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hills  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Carolyn Duncan & JoAnn Duncan  
COMMUNION PREP .....Amy Bennett  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Carlynn Stahlberg

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship  
11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages  
12:00 p.m. – Sunday School teachers meeting (overflow room)  
6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
– Junior High Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett's, 513 Crestview Rd, Kalispell

### LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.  
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)  
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)  
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering  
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits  
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)  
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 7 – Trustees' meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.  
– Women's Ministries meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, February 9 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead  
Saturday, February 11 – Baby Shower for Betsy Russell, 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday, February 14 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross'  
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, February 17 – Valentine's Sweetheart Supper at Vivienne's Restaurant, 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 21 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 24-25 – Women's Retreat, Thompson's Lake House

*For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com). After hours contact Carlynn at home.*

## SERMON OUTLINE

January 29, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Worship to God

Sermon Title: *God Likes What I Like*

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 12:1-9

### I. The power of culture

### II. Rules and rejoicing

## SERMON TEXT: Deuteronomy 12:1-9 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> “These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. <sup>2</sup> You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. <sup>3</sup> You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. <sup>4</sup> You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way. <sup>5</sup> But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, <sup>6</sup> and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. <sup>7</sup> And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the LORD your God has blessed you. <sup>8</sup> “You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, <sup>9</sup> for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the LORD your God is giving you.

## *Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. What would you do if the Lord commanded you stop doing something you liked?
2. If every culture is blind to some of their sins, what can we do to gain sight?
3. How might you respond to someone who says, “Well, that was in the OT.”?
4. God puts rules and rejoicing together, but we usually see these as opposites. How has this idea challenged your beliefs and practices?
5. In what ways does the primacy of God change the way you personally live? Or is God pretty much okay with what you are okay with?
6. Looking at Mark 7:6-7, we see it is possible to be committed to wrong worship. How does one go about correcting this?
7. What changes take place in worship because of Jesus?