

CONTACT INFORMATION

*“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.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Presbyterian Church in America or “The PCA” is a distinctly evangelical denomination in the Reformed tradition. The Bible as the Word of God is the primary standard for our faith. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, although subordinate to the Bible in their authority, set forth our understanding of biblical truth in a consistent, concise, and reliable form.

In the Reformed tradition, there are five key tenets, among others, that we hold to: By Scripture Alone; By Christ Alone; By Grace Alone; By Faith Alone; and To God Alone be the Glory.

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God’s truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God’s displeasure, except by His mercy.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God’s people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



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“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:34-36*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

(*Indicates when to stand)

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

***LET THE EARTH RESOUND** – music in pew racks

***LET ALL THE EARTH** – words included

Let all the earth break forth and sing his praises!

Let all the earth break forth and shout for joy!

(Repeat)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Shout for joy!

(Repeat)

(Repeat all)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD**

– Hymn #253 (v.3 men only; v.4 women only)

His Renewal and Our Hope

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: God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things.

We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust; from freedom in holiness to slavery in sin; from compassion to indifference; from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

***PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

– words included

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King
the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace;
to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide
under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee;
you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace,
the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul;
thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home;
now peace like water ever flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power,
yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

PUBLIC ORDINATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEACON:

Doug Brown

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)*

***DOXOLOGY** – Hymn #731

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Worship to God

Sermon Title: The 'Who' Helps us Understand the 'How'

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:4-9

***BEAUTIFUL LORD** – music in pew racks

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 next page.)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Elder Steve Thompson

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

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:
Samaritan House, Kalispell.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:
Eliudi and Lucy Issangya from Tanzania.

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE: Plan to join us next Sunday, February 26 from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT LADIES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS SIGNUP UP TODAY

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

Scheduled date/time: February 24 – 25

Place: Thompson’s Lake House

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 where the 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.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JANUARY 31:
Targeted Budget = \$22,740.57; Offerings received = \$22,317.50

MINISTRIES STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS:
Fellowship Committee (4-5)! Audio/Visual (3-4)! Trustees (2)! Ushers (2 per mo./6 mos.)! Please contact the church office 752-2400 if you will help.

THE QUESTIONS CHRISTIANS HOPE NO ONE WILL ASK simulcast, a compelling training event with: Mark Mittelberg and Lee Strobel on March 10 at Faith Church, 405 Liberty St. in Kalispell from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (lunch will follow). The cost is \$5 at the door *or* a food donation for the Flathead Food Bank. See flyer on bulletin boards.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES on the following dates: March 25, April 1 & April 8. All classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 15.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on Thursday, **March 8** at St. Matthews school cafeteria. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT KALISPELL are invited to take part in the national *40 Days for Life* effort from February 22 through April 1, 2012. To get more information, or to volunteer, contact: Karen Trierweiler at 890-2297 or kals40day@gmail.com or visit the campaign website: www.40daysforlife.com/Kalispell. All are welcome!

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK’S Second Helpings Thrift Store is now open next to the Food Bank. **ITEMS OF THE MONTH:** Small appliances, furniture, pots & pans. They accept donations Tuesday-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **FOODS OF THE MONTH:** Canned meat, chili or beans, Ramen noodles may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Ste. 2 in Kalispell or left in the containers in the church kitchen.

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. After hours contact Carlynn at home.

FEBRUARY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bill Gamble
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Sharon Riley
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Ken & Terri Miller
CHILDREN’S CHURCH..... Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Grady Bennetts
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Buford Bennetts
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Joni Jenks & Sharon Thompson
COMMUNION PREPLucille Eisenhart
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Carlynn Stahlberg

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 26

USHERS/GREETERS..... Ken & Terri Miller
CHILDREN’S CHURCH..... Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Uzzis
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Jenks
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..Kate Anderson & Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPJeanie Brenneman

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
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
Fri.-Sat. – Women’s Retreat, Thompson’s Lake House
Sunday – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

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.

Tuesday, February 28 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
Tuesday, March 6 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 8 – Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
– Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Tuesday, March 13 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 25 – No Sunday School
– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
Sunday, April 1 – No Sunday School
– No Foolin’ Potluck after the service
Sunday, April 8 – No Sunday School

SERMON OUTLINE

February 19, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Worship to God

Sermon Title: *The 'Who' Helps us Understand the 'How'*

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:4-9

I. Who

II. How

SERMON TEXT: 1 Peter 2:4-9 (NIV)

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him-- ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What is the purpose of our Sunday worship service? Is its primary purpose of worship evangelism, praise, experience, education, or sacrifice?
2. Why do we need to figure out who worship is for before we ask who do we worship?
3. How does 1 Corinthians 5:12 help us understand who church is for? "*For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?*"
4. Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF) 21.1, "*The acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.*"
5. WCF 1.6 "*We acknowledge...that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God and government of the church common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature, and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.*"
6. A distinction is made between the ELEMENTS of worship (what we do) and the CIRCUMSTANCES of worship (how we do them). How does WCF 1.6 and 21.1 help us with this distinction?
7. What is meant by the "Regulative Principle of Worship"?
8. What happens when we cannot agree on what is an 'element' of worship and what is a 'circumstance' of worship?
9. How do we best speak prophetically to our consumeristic culture in regards to how we worship? Is style neutral?