

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Leader: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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 Grady Bennett

*GRACE LIKE RAIN – words included

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I’m found,
was blind but now I see so clearly.

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away;
they’re washed away.*

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

When we’ve been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing your praise
than when we’ve first begun.

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away.*
(Chorus)

*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



April 1, 2012

“And Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.’” John 12:23

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory?

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

(*Indicates when to stand)

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

**THE KING OF GLORY COMES – Hymn #240*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE*

**ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR – Hymn #235*

**IN THE CROSS ALONE I GLORY – words included*

In the cross alone I glory,
recognition laying down.
Greatest treasures count as worthless
standing next to heaven’s crowns,
standing next to heaven’s crowns.

In the cross alone I glory,
ever reaching for the prize.
Pressing on and laying hold of
that for which my Savior died,
that for which my Savior died.

(Chorus)

*In the cross alone I glory;
nothing of my own to give.
Only that which Christ has offered
for my soul that I may live,
for my soul that I may live.*

In the cross alone I glory,
holding fast the word of life.
Toiling not in vain but being
poured out as a sacrifice,
poured out as a sacrifice.

Never will I seek the glory
that was never meant for me.
Always heaven-ward reflecting,
all to Jesus to receive,
all to Jesus to receive.

(Chorus 2x)

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *2 Chronicles 30:7-8*

Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were
faithless to the LORD God of their fathers, so that he made
them a desolation, as you see. Do not now be stiff-necked
as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD and
come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever,
and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may
turn away from you.

**All: Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember
and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my failures
in the face of temptation, and those times I have
been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive
the harsh judgments I have made on others and
the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I
have told and the truths I have avoided. Jesus, have
mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 25:11, 14-15*

For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt for it is
great. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear
him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes
are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of
the net.

**HOSANNA – words included*

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire;
the whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin;
the people sing, the people sing.

(Chorus)

*Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!
(Last time only: Hosanna in the highest!)*

I see a generation rising up to take their place;
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

(song continued on next page)

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek;
we’re on our knees, we’re on our knees.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am, for your kingdom’s cause,
as I walk from earth into eternity.

(Chorus 2x)

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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

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)*

**WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE*

– words included

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;
we bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

(Repeat)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Palm Sunday

Sermon Title: *The Hour of the Servant Has Come*

Sermon Text: John 12:12-23

**COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*

– Hymn #457

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:
Glacier Church, Kalispell, Pastor Jamie Wood.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:
Sam and Dawn Wills have completed French Language School and are planning to leave for the Democratic Republic of Congo to begin their ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

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.

NO FOOLIN’ POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE! Please join us for a lunch served by the Fellowship Committee. If you are visiting, please come, there is always plenty.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP! Easter lilies can be purchased in honor or memory of your loved ones. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Forms are available on the table in the foyer for you to fill out and leave in the box provided or you may return them to the church office along with \$10.00 (per lily). *(You are welcome to take the lilies home after the Easter worship service.)*

Our **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** will be held this coming Friday, **April 6**, at 7:30 p.m. We will have two **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES** this year: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The annual Easter breakfast will be at 9:15 a.m., served by our Elders and Deacons.

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes today or next Sunday, **April 8**. All classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 15.

LADIES: A combined baby shower for Nicole Fisher and Wendy Putzler is coming up on Saturday, **April 28**, 2:00 p.m. at Kate Anderson’s house, 134 Stillwater Ln. in Kalispell. Come join us as we celebrate the coming of these two little ones into our church family. Instead of individual gifts, money is being collected for group gifts for each mom. Contact Julie Thompson (253-5038) or Hanni Hanson (253-4612) if you would like to donate to the group gifts.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:
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COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next week on Thursday, April 12 at St. Matthews school cafeteria. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

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.

APRIL MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTHMicah Hill
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 Donnie Burns & Micah Tinkham
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Kyle Hansons
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Salyers
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Tamie Jentz & Carol Stewart
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 8

USHERS/GREETERS Donnie Burns & Micah Tinkham
8:00 a.m. SERVICE:
CHILDREN’S CHURCHNo Children’s Church
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) T & T Stahlberg
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Neumanns
COMMUNION PREP Lucille Eisenhart
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

9:15 a.m. BREAKFAST:
BREAKFAST HOSTS Elders & Deacons

10:30 a.m. SERVICE:
CHILDREN’S CHURCHDar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Uzzis
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Will Schmautz’
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. – NO Sunday School today
- No Foolin’ Potluck, all are welcome!

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Junior High Youth Group, no meeting this week
- Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett’s, 513 Crestview Rd, Kalispell
- Friday – Good Friday Service, 7:30 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.

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- Sunday, April 8 – Easter Sunday services, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 - Easter Breakfast, 9:15 a.m.
 - No Sunday School
 - Tuesday, April 10 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
 - Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
 - Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, April 12 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
 - Tuesday, April 17 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, April 24 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
 - Saturday, April 28 – Fisher/Putzler Baby Shower, 2:00 p.m. at Kate Anderson’s home
 - Sunday, April 29 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 1 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

April 1, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Palm Sunday

Sermon Title: *The Hour of the Servant Has Come*

Sermon Text: John 12:12-23

SERMON TEXT: John 12:12-23 (ESV)

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.” ²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What role did raising Lazarus from the dead have in Jesus’ entry?
2. What message is given by Jesus coming into the city on a donkey? Did the people get it?
3. Speaking of Jesus as God, Augustine says of this text: “*He does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility.*” In what way is the glory of God revealed in Jesus’ humble entrance into Jerusalem?
4. Another early church writer acknowledges the divinity of Jesus taught in this text. “*Only God has the power to save, and to Jesus they cry out ‘Save us O Lord our God (Ps 105:45). Many other passages in Scripture ascribe to God alone the power to save. The Psalms of David most clearly refer to the Christ as true God.*”—Theophylact.
5. Far from hindering Gentiles from coming to Jesus, his death would draw even greater numbers. How is this possible?
6. What does Jesus mean that his hour had come?
7. Why is it mentioned that the disciples did not understand? How is this instructive for us.
8. What does this passage teach us about the nature of God’s glory?

I. The Servant’s way

II. The Servant’s fruit