

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Title: *The Measure of our Mettle*

Sermon Text: Proverbs 24:10-12

(See pages 8-10 for sermon outline, text and questions)

***THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

– words included

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

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 Matt Riley

***REDEEMED, HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT!**

– Hymn #701

***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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January 20, 2013

Life Sunday

*“If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength!”
Proverbs 24:10*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

(*Indicates when to stand)

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

***COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING** – words included

Come people of the Risen King
who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him;
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

(Chorus)

*Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease;
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

(Chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands
find the riches of his grace.

Over all the world his people sing shore to shore we hear them call;
the truth that cries through ev'ry age our God is all in all.

(Chorus 2x)

***YOUR NAME** – words included

As morning dawns and evening fades, you inspire songs of praise
that rise from earth to touch your heart and glorify your name.

(Chorus)

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower;
your name is a shelter like no other;
your name, let the nations sing it louder
'cause nothing has the power to save but your name.*

Jesus, in your name we pray, come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for you and glorify your name.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***JESUS SHALL REIGN** – Hymn #441

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Forgive us of the great evil of abortion within our country and within our community. Cleanse us from our defilement. Apart from you, we are nothing. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-21*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:**

– The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

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Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***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.*

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)*

***WE FALL DOWN** – words included

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy,
and we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

(Repeat all)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

Hope Pregnancy Center & Clear Choice Clinic, Kalispell.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Matt & Becky Allhands serving with Reformed Campus Fellowship at the University of Oregon. Pray for growth in their ministry and wisdom in leadership.

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE: Please join us next Sunday, January 27 from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS AND 2013 BUDGET will be available in the foyer after the worship service for you to look through before the meeting. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, please use time before the meeting to direct your questions or concerns to Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting time on January 30.



ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
 6:00 pm - Soup Supper
 7:00 pm - Annual Meeting
 We hope to see you there!



SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE MEETING are available on the table in the foyer. Twelve pots of soup are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each. Any kind of soup will be welcomed! Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30. Assorted breads, crackers, and a light dessert will be provided. **Thank you!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS: “The Epistle to the Hebrews: Christ Over All” meets in Overflow Room 1; “Putting Theology into Practice: Deepening Roots & Bearing Fruit” meets in the sanctuary.

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING LOCATION HAS PERMANENTLY CHANGED. They will now meet at Pierson’s, 30 Chip Ct. in Kalispell.

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). A host will be assigned for each month to host in their home (or another location of their choice). This is an opportunity to get to know more about many people and to be blessed by meeting together. **Sign up through February 3 in the foyer or the Fellowship Hall!**

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU DECEMBER 31:

Targeted Budget = \$241,050.00; Offerings received = \$259,283.59

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in the various ministries of Faith Covenant Church, you can sign up at the tables in the foyer. If you are currently serving in a ministry, you will stay on the list unless you tell us otherwise. There are many areas where we could use your help! Contact the church office at 752-2400 if you have questions.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CLARISSE AND ANDRY in Madagascar with our Sunday School offerings in 2013. It takes time to develop a habit and it appears that is happening as more are remembering to bring a weekly SS offering. We need to collect \$20-\$25 weekly to meet our \$100 monthly goal. Whatever you can share of what God has blessed you with is very much appreciated by the Missions Committee and our friends in Madagascar!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, February 14 at Central Christian Church.** 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.

JANUARY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bruce Tulloch
 NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Jeri Brown
 NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS TBD
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)Nick Hansons
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Hunnicutts
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jenny Heyboer & Joni Jenks
 COMMUNION PREP Carlynn Stahlberg
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 27

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 CHILDREN’S CHURCH..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)Heyboers
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Andersons
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Carolyn Duncan & JoAnn Duncan
 COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
 Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 – Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church
 – Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00–9:00 p.m. **at the Pierson’s home**, 30 Chip Ct. in 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.

Sunday, January 27 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 30– 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper followed by the 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
 Tuesday, February 5 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 – Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 12 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
 – Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday, February 14 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
 Tuesday, February 19 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, February 24 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 26 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
 Fri.-Sat., March 1-2 – Women’s Retreat at Flathead Lake
 Tuesday, March 5 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, March 14 – Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

January 20, 2013

Sermon Series: Life Sunday

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I. The right to be rescued

II. Plausible deniability

SERMON TEXT: Proverbs 24:10-12 (NIV)

¹⁰ If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength! ¹¹ Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. ¹² If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. In v-10, we see that a person’s strength is shown when adversity comes, and it is also *“a subtle warning that if one neglects to use his faculties and strengths in crisis, they will be diminished by the failure of nerve”* –Michael Fox.
2. Consider: *“Cowardice in the face of injustice is reprehensible.”* –R.E. Murphy
“Exceptional strain and avoidable responsibility are fair tests of a man’s mettle.” –Derek Kidner
3. Often the reaction by Christians is to either despair of changing anything so they go into their comfortable bunkers isolated from the world, or they accommodate their beliefs to get along with the world and loose their prophetic voice to speak against sin in a culture. In what way does Jesus equip his Church to be in the world and yet not of the world?
4. The Bible continually speaks of protecting the powerless. What role do we have here in the Flathead to do that? How has the Lord challenged you personally to get involved? What are you doing about it?
5. *“Is the right to choose an absolute right? Do we have the moral right to choose what is morally wrong?... Again, every law enacted limits or restricts someone’s choices. That is the very nature of law. If we do not wish to restrict other people’s choices through legislation, we must stop legislating and cease voting...No unborn baby has ever had the right to choose or deny its own destruction.”* –R.C. Sproul
6. Consider Isaiah 40:29: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.