

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Kalispell Regional Medical Center

Chaplain Darren Schwartz

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Matt and Becky

Allhands and their two daughters Scout and Lieve, who are currently in the M.Div. program at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

FOOD, FUN & 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 - April and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). A host will be assigned for each month. Sign up by January 31 in the foyer!

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Membership is not required after taking the class but the class is required for membership. Sign up in the foyer.

Classes are Sundays after second service starting February 7 for four weeks. Lunch provided.

PRIME TIMERS POTLUCK: If you're 50 or older, you're invited to a potluck Sunday, Feb. 14, after the second service. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. Help with set up and clean up is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

BABY SHOWER: Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Jenny Petersen Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kate Anderson (134 Stillwater Lane). If you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Kristin Bay in the office by Feb. 16 (752-2400).

SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The church is looking for a faithful snow removal technician for our sidewalks. Must love brisk early mornings and the roar of a snow blower and be available whenever the snow flies. Contact Russ Hadley for details (261-5655).

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Feb. 11, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

SERVING: January Deacon - Buford Bennett

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Jevon & Aaron Clark/Bruce & Benni Tulloch
Children's Church: Tami Jentz & Annie Hill
Infant Nursery: J. Thompsons/Lancasters
Toddler Nursery: H. Hansons/Buckners
Fellowship Hosts: Patty Albert & Kristin Bay
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Lori Vander Ark

Next Sunday - February 7th

Ushers: Lloyd & Eileen Pierson/Nick & Hanni Hanson
Children's Church: Tami Jentz & Annie Hill
Infant Nursery: Neumanns/Putzlers
Toddler Nursery: Motleys/Brown & Hernandez
Fellowship Hosts: Terri Miller & Donelle Holderbaum
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Donelle Holderbaum

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesdays 7 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Men's Fraternity

Tue. & Wed. 6 am



Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 31, 2016

*"Now God had caused the official
to show favor and compassion to Daniel"
Daniel 1:9*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *From 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. 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.

*BY THY MERCY

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus)

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(Chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(Chorus 2x)

**Indicates when to stand.*

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*BENEDICTION

God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

*Our worship is a
response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of our
worship reflects
the gospel.*

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that he come into our presence.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Associate Pastor Shane Waldron & Pastor of Music Aaron Scott

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,

Jan Wassink Deacons: Buford Bennett, Ike Eisentraut, Terry Falk, Bill Gamble, Micah Hill,

Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

You on my head, in early youth did smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
You did not leave me, as often I left Thee.
On to the end Lord, abide with me.

I need Your presence, every passing hour.
What but Your grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is your sting death? Where grave your victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up your cross Lord, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's chains are freed;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

*BEAUTIFUL LORD

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,
I'm captured by this love I see.
Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,
your mercy brings me to my knees.
It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.*

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.
(Chorus 2x)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

God Communes with Us

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal.

Through Jesus, communion with God has been re-established. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

God Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME - Psalm 51

God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in boundless grace.

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.

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord.

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. In what way does chapter 1 give us a view behind the scenes? The temptation for God's people would be to now worship the gods of their conquerors. How does Daniel offer them a way to be in Babylon, but not of Babylon?
2. What in the text lets us know that this is not about the right kinds of food to eat, but rather about the nature of allegiance?
3. Daniel makes us ask the question: "How do I live faithfully to the Lord in a hostile environment?" Often, people choose either to separate from their culture or to assimilate to their culture. How does Daniel offer us a different option?
4. What has often been wrong with the "dare to be Daniel" approach? In what way has Daniel been a good student at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
5. Consider: "Daniel is not given to us as a model of the one biblical way for the believer to interact with his or her culture. Rather, when viewed with the rest of Scripture, Daniel imparts the liberating, yet frightening news that there are multiple ways to be a believer in an unbelieving world." —Tremper Longman
6. Consider: "The point at which those who want to remain faithful to God have to draw a line if there is to be both involvement and effective confrontation will differ from culture to culture." —Ernest Lucas
7. The gospel tells us that God is not simply faithful to those who are faithful to him. Rather, Jesus has come to deliver faithless and defiled people through his faithfulness. How does this give us hope to stand in the midst of the trials and temptations we face?

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

DOXOLOGY (ROMANS 11)

Oh, the depths of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments,
How untraceable his paths.

Who knows the mind of our God?
And who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God, that God should repay?
For from Him, through Him,
To Him is everything.
To God be the glory forever and ever,
To God be the glory forever, Amen.
(Repeat)

Daniel: Living in Babylon
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Foodie Faithfulness - Daniel 1:1-21

Sermon Outline

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god. ³ Then the king ordered ... his court official, to bring in ... some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility-- ⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning ... and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵ The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. ⁶ Among those who were chosen were some from Judah ...

⁷ The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

⁹ Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰ but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." ¹¹ Daniel then said to the guard ... ¹² "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see."

¹⁴ So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵ At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. ¹⁶ So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

¹⁷ To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds. ¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king ... the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service ... ²¹ And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

- I. Introduction
- II. How to misapply Daniel in two easy steps
 - A. A Righteous Diet
 - B. Dare to be Daniel
- III. The kiss of wisdom and faithfulness

God Consecrates Us
Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.