

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Adventure Church (Christian Missionary Alliance), Kalispell, Pastor Jim Davey

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Tim and Emily Herset as they lead Young Life in Kalispell and pray for the kids they graciously serve.

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.

There will be a brief **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Sunday, April 17, at 9:45 a.m. to release Pastor Shane Waldron to his new call at Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Church in Denver. He and his family will be moving in mid-June.

NURSERY RELOCATION: We are trying out a new location for our infant and toddler nursery in the overflow classrooms adjacent to the sanctuary. Please remember to check-in!

MISSION COMMITTEE is looking for a few more people who are interested in missions to join their group. Join in at their next meeting is right after second service Sunday, April 3.

LEADERSHIP CLASS will meet two Tuesdays in April, the 5th and 26th, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall, and will start a new study on the Trinity.

PRIME TIMERS POTLUCK: If you're 50 or older, you're invited to a potluck Sunday, April 10, 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!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, April 14, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmutz (249-6370).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their worship services on the third Sunday of each month - next on **April 17** - at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

SERVING: April Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: John & Marty Mullins/Jim Rowe & Caleb Turner

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/Jentz

Toddler Nursery: Uzzi/Putzler

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosberry & Terri Miller

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Lori Vander Ark

Next Sunday - April 10

Ushers: John & Marty Mullins/Jim Rowe & Caleb Turner

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Infant Nursery: H. Hanson/Brown & Hernandez

Toddler Nursery: Bennetts/Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Jeanie Brenneman

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11

Sunday School for All

Sundays 10 am

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



Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

April 3, 2016

"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."

Daniel 7:13-14

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22:22-25**

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

All: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Leader: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

All: From you comes my praise in the great congregation.

***IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE - Hymn #38**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***JESUS I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear;
think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father's smile is thine,
what a Savior died to win thee: child of heav'n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal day's before me, God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

***BENEDICTION**

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.

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.

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 (emeritus), 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.

***O THE BLOOD**

O the blood, crimson love, price of life's demand;
Shameful sin placed on him, the hope of ev'ry man.

(Chorus)

*O, the blood of Jesus washes me;
O, the blood of Jesus shed for me;
What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes, the blood it is my victory.*

Savior, Son, Holy One, slain so I can live;
O, see the Lamb, the great I Am, who takes away my sin.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

O, the blood of the Lamb; O, the blood of the Lamb;
What a sacrifice that saved my life; Yes the blood it is my victory.

O, what love, no greater love; Grace, how can it be
that in my sin, yes, even then, he shed his blood for me.

(Chorus)

*What a sacrifice that saved my life;
Yes, the blood, it is my victory.*

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

***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94 vs. 1-3 and 6**

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.
What more can he say than to you he has said
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
for I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to his foes.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

**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.

***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

COMMON CONFSSION 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.

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. When you read Psalm 18 and then compare it to the events in 1 Samuel 18 -30, how does this help us understand biblical imagery in the psalms or apocalyptic writings?
2. Consider: "The reader is confronted by mysterious symbols, allusions, enigmatic phrases and numbers, which have baffled interpreters through the ages and have given rise to many different schemes of interpretation." —Joyce Baldwin. How do we avoid the problem of either ignoring this material, or becoming obsessed in this material?
3. Why is it important to understand Daniel on its own terms and not to rush off to other parts of the Bible to interpret what is before us in ch. 7?
4. How has your larger background of Christian interpretation influenced how you read this passage? Consider what books like "The Late Great Planet Earth" by Hal Lindsey or "The Left Behind" series by Jenkins and Lahaye have done to sway popular opinion.
5. What is comforting to you about this vision of the Ancient of Days? Who rules human history?
6. Why do you think Christians have universally understood vs 13 to be referring to Jesus? In light of this vision from Daniel, how are we called to live our lives?

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.

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.

Sermon Outline

I. Understanding Apocalyptic Writing

II. The Rise of Monsters

III. The Reign of the King

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.

***I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL**

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

*And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.
(Repeat all)*

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.

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)

Offering

We give back to
God a portion of
what he has given
us to use to
declare that he
is Lord of all.
(This is part of
our service as a
church family,
and visitors should
not feel obligated
to participate.)

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS - Hymn #252

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Daniel - Living in Babylon Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. *The Center of Gravity - Daniel 7:1-28 (ESV)*

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter.

² Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another..."

⁹ "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹ "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ "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.

¹⁴ 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..."

¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷ 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

¹⁹ "Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet,... ²⁵ He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. ²⁶ But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end. ²⁷ And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey them.'