

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Trinity Church, (PCA), Bozeman, Pastors Jeff Hamling and Bryan Clark

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Please pray for Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg, and their children, as they labor with World Ventures in Madagascar.

**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), no later than TODAY, March 20. Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to take them home after the worship service.

**LEADERSHIP CLASS** meets again Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This session's topic: Leading with Awareness - The Art of Dealing with Yourself and Others.

Please join us on Friday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. for our **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**. On **EASTER SUNDAY**, March 27, Faith Covenant Elders and Deacons will serve breakfast at 9:30 a.m. between the two regular services. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

**NURSERY RELOCATION:** Starting Good Friday, March 25, we will be trying out a new location for our infant and toddler nursery in the overflow classrooms adjacent to the sanctuary. We are hopeful that this will provide parents with a more accessible resource while meeting our Child Protection Policy goals. Please follow the signs and remember to check-in!

**NO YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 30:** Junior and senior high youth groups will not have their regular Wednesday night meetings, March 30, during the school spring break.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU FEBRUARY 29:**

Targeted Budget = \$63,306.87; Offerings received = \$62,199.24

**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 **March 20** - at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

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**SERVING:** March Deacon - Ike Eisentraut

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Phil & Carol Van Duyne

Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne

Infant Nursery: Uzzi/Carlson

Toddler Nursery: H.Hanson/Lancaster

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Cathy Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Mark Rice

**Next Sunday - March 27th**

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Phil & Carol Van Duyne

Children's Church: Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill

Infant Nursery: Motley/Buckners

Toddler Nursery: Neumans/Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Easter Breakfast

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Benni Tulloch

**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

# FAITH COVENANT

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## C H U R C H

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*March 20, 2016*



*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

*Zechariah 9:9*

**Call to  
Worship**  
Worship begins  
with God who  
invites us and  
welcomes us into  
his presence.  
Because of Christ,  
we can approach  
God with boldness  
even though  
we are sinful  
and weak.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*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!**

### \*HE WHO BRINGS THE MORNING

High this mountain, broad this sea, still, my sin ran deeper  
Grave offense my soul did wreak, against creation's keeper  
But see what power so fell and fair, has stayed his holy justice  
God Himself all hell did bear, how great his love for us is

*(Chorus)*

*O serve Him, Only serve Him, He who brings the morning (2x)*

Every hour is a precious boon, every breath is a mercy  
Every glimpse of yonder moon, a balm upon this journey  
How vast the heavens above this place, so small beneath His glory  
Still He stooped and showed His face and poured His mercy o'er me

*(Chorus)*

Jesus, our Messiah King, for those who don't deserve Him  
Conquered death all life to bring, so seek His face and serve Him

*(Chorus 2x)*

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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## \*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.*

## \*BENEDICTION

### 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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).  
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### **Benediction**

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

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

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.

**\*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.*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven your 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)*

**The Lord's  
Supper**  
The gospel is not  
only heard, but  
visibly seen as  
God invites us to  
commune with him  
at his table. In the  
Lord's Supper we  
remember and  
experience Jesus'  
saving work.

**Call to Confession**  
We all sin daily,  
in thought and  
word and deed.  
As we come into  
God's presence,  
we acknowledge  
how we have  
rebelled against  
our King and seek  
his forgiveness.

### GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
*Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)*

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.  
*Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)*

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
*Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)*

*Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)*  
*Goodbye*

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

#### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

**All: Father cleanse us, for our secret thoughts savor our lusts and our wicked desires.**

Leader: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

**All: Almighty God forgive us, for in our pride we despise humility and submission to others, and do not consider others before ourselves.**

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

**All: Father we confess that our hearts are filled with deceit, and that we often treat the truth with indifference.**

*(adapted from Psalm 5:4-6)*

### Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Throughout the gospels, we see the phrase: This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet. What is the significance of this?
2. How does v-14 connect with 2 Sam. 5:6-7?
3. The people thought they understood who and what the Messiah was to be; yet Jesus did things that defied their understanding of Messiah and offended them. What were some of those differences? Why is this important to keep in mind when we attempt to move our eyes off of ourselves and onto Jesus?
4. Letting go of our expectations for what we think our lives should be, or how our family should have turned out is a death of sorts. In many ways, following Jesus produces a series of mini-deaths in our lives. Discuss.
5. Disappointments are hard to take by anyone; yet the Lord calls us to trust him in the midst of them – to walk by faith and not by sight. What has helped you with this in your own life? In what ways do you still struggle?
6. What is the significance of Zech. 9:11 “because of the blood of my covenant with you”?
7. Consider Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheap goods. ... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession. ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.”

### Sermon

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

Sermon Outline  
*Who Is This King of Glory? - Matthew 21:1-14 (ESV)*

I. His Person

II. His Works

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Corinthians 1:8-9*

God will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

HOUSE OF GOD, FOREVER (PSALM 23)

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying  
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast  
In the presence of enemies  
Surely goodness will follow me, follow me  
In the house of God forever  
*(repeat)*

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)

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moon and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

**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.)

*Palm Sunday*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*Who Is This King of Glory? - Matthew 21:1-14 (ESV)*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." <sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." <sup>14</sup> And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.