

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 1, 2016

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

John 11:25

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Psalm 7:17*

Leader: Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

All: I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Leader: For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!

All: The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS** - *Hymn #295*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION: *Isaiah 12:2

All: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

***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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***GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalms 7:11-12*

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow.

All: We confess that we have often grieved your Spirit. We have not heeded your life-giving Word, nor have we spoken the good news of Christ's lordship to our neighbor. We have not lived gloriously as the new temple of the Spirit. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a great desire to be your faithful people. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 7:9-10*

Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous- you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.

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.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

(Chorus)

"Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!"

*Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
"Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

(Chorus)

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.)

GOD OF WONDERS

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus)

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

Trust in the Midst of Tragedy - John 11:1-44
Pastor Shane Waldron

Three Questions We Ask When We Suffer:

1. Why is God allowing this to happen?

2. Does God care?

3. Is God going to do anything about this?

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. How have you experienced suffering? What have been the greatest seasons of pain, hurt or uncertainty that you have walked through?
2. How has suffering caused you to experience God's goodness and faithfulness in ways that you never would have if your life had been easy?
3. In what ways has God used your suffering to prepare you for eternity?
4. In the midst of your suffering, have you ever wondered if God really cares? How does questioning God's goodness impact you mentally and emotionally?
5. Through the incarnation, Jesus has entered into our suffering, and he walks with us through it. How does this show that God does in fact care when you suffer? How is it an act of love?
6. When Jesus returns, all of our suffering will come to an end. How does having an eternal perspective help you to persevere in the midst of your suffering?

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.

***REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only
wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous
mystery!

(Chorus 2x)

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

**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.

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.

***BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

***BENEDICTION**

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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. & Associate Pastor Shane Waldron

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Grace Church, Kalispell,

Pastor Chris Miller

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray David & Ulrike Byle in Turkey with the Bible Correspondence Course and Operation Mobilization.

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.

LADIES' SPRING TEA MAY I: Women and girls of all ages are invited for tea, treats and a talk from Kate Anderson TODAY at 3:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

MISSION MEAL: Join us for the first summer missionary visit and a special mother's day brunch Sunday, May 8, to meet Alex and Suzanne Sarran and their six children, PCA church planters in Lyon, France. Sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

VBS - SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 20-24 for kids age 4 to fifth grade and a new VBS program where kids will join the Scottish Sleuths to solve **The Case of the Hidden Hero** ... the amazing story of God's providential protection of His people! Contact Joni Jenks (cascade.jenks@gmail.com) for opportunities to serve.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, May 12, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE: Men are invited to this national equipping conference at Easthaven Saturday, May 21. Find out more at ironsharpeniron.net or contact Sandy Johnson (471-6220) for more information. Early registration deadline is May 11th so register online or sign up in the foyer.

LIBRARY CASSETTE TAPES TO GIVE AWAY: We're doing some spring cleaning in the library and have cassette tapes and VHS video tapes from a variety of ministries that need a new home. Look in the office kitchen and take whatever you would like!

SERVING: May Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Nick & Hanni Hanson
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner
Infant Nursery: A. Bennetts/Anderson
Toddler Nursery: Motleys/Jentz
Fellowship Hosts: Tami Jentz & Paula Saldamando
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Diane Nugent

Next Sunday - May 8

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Nick & Hanni Hanson
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner
Infant Nursery: H. Hanson/Putzler
Toddler Nursery: Neumanns/Brown & Hernandez
Fellowship Hosts: Sue Richardson & Barb Makowski
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski /Theresa Paolini

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