

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Rocky Mountain Community Church, PCA, Billings, Pastors Alfred Poirier and Jason Barrie

**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.

**MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 29-30:** Men are invited to their annual retreat at the Bend Guard Station on the Thompson River Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. Sign up in the foyer today! Cost for food will be divided among those attending. Contact the office for details.

**LADIES' SPRING TEA MAY 1:** Women and girls of all ages are invited for tea, treats and a talk from Kate Anderson Sunday, May 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

**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.

**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 [ironsharpensiron.net](http://ironsharpensiron.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.



*April 24, 2016*

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**SERVING:** April Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

### **WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

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

Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson

Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/Lancaster

Toddler Nursery: Uzzi/Buckner

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Yvonne Hernandez

#### **Next Sunday - May 1**

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Nick & Hanni Hanson

Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson

Infant Nursery: H. Hanson/Anderson

Toddler Nursery: Motleys/Jentz

Fellowship Hosts: Tami Jentz & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Diane Nugent

#### **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

*“Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. ‘Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,’ he said. ‘Peace! Be strong now; be strong.’ When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, ‘Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.’”*  
*Daniel 10:18*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 147, Revelation 4*

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

**\*\*TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS** - *Hymn #679*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

(Chorus)

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

(Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

(Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
and I know that Thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

(Chorus)

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

**\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!** - *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

**\*BENEDICTION**

### 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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).  
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com).

### **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.

**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.

**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.

**\*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus)*

*How great is our God, sing with me.  
How great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;  
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise  
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

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.

**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD**

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins.  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day  
and there may I though vile as he, wash all my sins away;  
and there may I though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood shall never lose its power  
'till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more;  
'till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply  
redeeming love has been my theme and shall be 'till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme and shall be 'till I die.

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*OH WHY SO HEAVY, OH MY SOUL?**

Oh why so heavy, Oh my soul? Thus to myself I've willed  
Oh why so heavy, Oh my heart? And so sorrow filled?

*(Chorus)*

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be thy Glory and thy endless praise  
His saving grace shall comfort thee through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art and yet will he redeem  
Oh be thou of a contrite heart and put your trust in him

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Oh why so heavy, Oh my soul?*

**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.

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**All: O blessed Jesus, you know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy, and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and fill our minds with the image of yourself; break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of your unchanging love. O you who alone can do this, our Savior, our Lord, and our God. Amen. (William Temple, 1910)**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

### Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Read Ezk 1:26-28, Rev 1:12-16. That angels reflect God's image in some way is not a surprise. What aspect of God's nature do these images draw our attention to? Why is this important in light of what follows in the texts where they are found?
2. Some suggest that two beings are shown here; vs 4-6 show a vision of the Lord, while the one who touches him in either v-7 or v-10 is an angel. What makes it clear that it is not the Lord from at least v-10 onward?
3. Consider: In apocalyptic literature, the question put to us is: "Are the visions a way of referring to earthly realities while giving them theological significance, or are they a literal window on actual heavenly events?" How we answer this question determines how we interpret them. This question has nothing to do with liberal vs conservative. It is a question of interpreting literary genre.
4. What is significant about Daniel being told he is greatly loved, or highly desired (9:23, 10:11, 10:19)?
5. When we consider how Jesus overcomes his enemies through dying, how are we also called to engage our enemies?
6. In the last 20 years, the practice called "spiritual mapping" or "naming territorial spirits" has come into vogue in certain Christian circles. The Bible nowhere tells us to engage in this kind of activity. How does Eph 6:10-18 instruct us concerning our warfare?
7. What are some lessons we can draw from Daniel having no strength and then being strengthened as he is touched by the angel? How might the Lord's mercy and grace cause us pain? How is that pain relieved?

**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  
*Touched by an Angel* Daniel 10:1-11:1

I. Behind the Scenes — Living a Larger Life

II. Thrice Touched — Comfort for the Afflicted

**\*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.**

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.**

**\*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)

**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.)

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)

To God be the glory forever and ever,  
To God be the glory forever, Amen.

*Daniel - Living in Babylon*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Touched by an Angel- Daniel 10:1-11:1 (NIV)*

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel ...  
<sup>3</sup> I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over ... <sup>5</sup> I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold ... <sup>6</sup> His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

<sup>7</sup> I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me ... fled and hid themselves. <sup>8</sup> So I was left alone ... I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. <sup>9</sup> Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

<sup>10</sup> A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. <sup>13</sup> But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."

<sup>15</sup> While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless. <sup>16</sup> Then one who looked like a man touched my lips, and I opened my mouth and began to speak... "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I feel very weak. <sup>17</sup> How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe."

<sup>18</sup> Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. <sup>19</sup> "Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

<sup>20</sup> So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; <sup>21</sup> but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince. 11:1 And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I took my stand to support and protect him.)