

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Fresh Life Church, Kalispell,  
Pastor Levi Lusko

**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.

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.

**PRIME TIMERS POTLUCK:** If you're 50 or older, you're invited to a potluck TODAY, 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!

**LEADERSHIP CLASS** will meet next on April 26th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall, to continue a  
study on the Trinity.

**MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 29-30:** Men are invited to their annual at the Bend Guard Station on  
the Thompson River. The retreat begins Friday afternoon/evening with dinner and ends Sat-  
urday afternoon. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. Sign up in the foyer so they  
can plan for meals. Cost for food will be divided among those attending. Contact the office  
(752-2400) for more information.

**LADIES' SPRING TEA MAY 1:** Ladies of all ages are invited to tea on Sunday, May 1, at 3:00 p.m.  
in the church Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU MARCH 31:**

Targeted Budget = \$91,443.25; Offerings received = \$91,769.60

**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 Schmautz (249-6370).



*April 10, 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: 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

**Next Sunday - April 17**

Ushers: John & Marty Mullins/Jim & Ellen Rowe

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Infant Nursery: Motleys/Jentzs

Toddler Nursery: Neumanns/Carlsons

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Audrey Goodell

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Hanni Hanson

**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

*"Son of man," he said to me,  
"understand that the vision concerns  
the time of the end."  
Daniel 8:17*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 22:27-31; 21:13*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**All: For kingship belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.**

Leader: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

**All: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.**

**\*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - Hymn #521**

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

*(Chorus)*

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*(Chorus)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

*(Chorus)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

*(Chorus)*

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*THERE IS A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT**

There is a land of pure delight, where saints, immortal reign.  
Infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

*(Chorus)*

*Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er.  
Not Jordan's streams nor death's cold flood should fright us from this shore.*

There everlasting spring abides, and never withering flowers:  
Death, like a narrow sea, divides this heavenly land from ours.

*(Chorus)*

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy thoughts that rise,  
And see the Canaan that we love with unobscured eyes!

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**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**

*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).

**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.

**\*COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
*here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

**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**

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.

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*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*

**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.

**\*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.

**COMMON CONFESSON OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**All: Our Lord and God, though we have been washed in the name of our Lord Jesus, we confess that we struggle to remain free from the stain of sin. We give in to the desires of our lusts; we see our many possessions and are greedy for more; our hearts are too often factories for idols. Forgive us our sins. Grant to us repentant hearts and wills that desire to strive for new and fresh obedience. May Jesus be glorified in our lives, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

**Sermon Questions For Further Reflection**

1. The universal interpretation of chapter 8 is that the large horn in vs 9-25 is the Seleucid ruler, Antiochus IV Epiphanes. So much so, that many are convinced Daniel was written after these events took place. Why is predictive prophecy not a problem for Christians?
2. In all of the visions, we see the repetitive cycle of violence. Same song, different verse. In what powerful way does Jesus break this cycle of violence in his own death?
3. At the time of this vision, Babylon is still the big guy on the block. It would have surprised many to think that the smaller kingdoms of Media, Persia and Greece would become significant empires. How should that temper our desire for making predictions?
4. The idea that a larger cosmic battle takes place behind the background of human conflict will be seen in later chapters. Yet how does this help give us perspective in chapter 8?
5. From 1945 to 1994, one scholar documented over 200 precise predictions of the return of Christ. Why do many get so upset when their view of the end times is challenged? What about the nature of “we’ve got it right” causes such a reaction?
6. There is no universal agreement on the 2,300 days and evenings mentioned in vs 14. What are two lessons can we draw from this?
7. How do the tragedies of our lives draw us closer to the Lord knowing he is in control and that he has the final say? In what way are you called to greater faithfulness in the midst of these trials?

**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. A History Lesson—Where did Hanukkah come from?

II. A Lesson of History—Where are the retractions?

III. The God of History—Where did God go?

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 20:6-7*

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

\*DOXOLOGY - *Hymn #731*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heav'nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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.)

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
before the throne my surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

*(Chorus)*

*Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;  
shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;  
his blood atoned for every race,  
his blood atoned for every race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*(Chorus)*

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

*(Chorus)*

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

*(Chorus)*

*Daniel - Living in Babylon*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Times & Dates - Daniel 8:1-27 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision, after the one that had already appeared to me. <sup>2</sup> I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later...No animal could stand against it...It did as it pleased and became great. <sup>3</sup> As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between its eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground... <sup>4</sup> I saw it attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering its two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against it; ...and none could rescue the ram from its power. <sup>5</sup> The goat became very great, but at the height of its power the large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven. <sup>6</sup> Out of one of them came another horn... <sup>7</sup> It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. <sup>8</sup> It set itself up to be as great as the commander of the army of the LORD; it took away the daily sacrifice from the LORD, and his sanctuary was thrown down. <sup>9</sup> Because of rebellion, the LORD's people and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled--the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, the surrender of the sanctuary and the trampling underfoot of the LORD's people?" <sup>11</sup> He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

<sup>12</sup> While I, Daniel, was watching the vision and trying to understand it, there before me stood one who looked like a man. <sup>13</sup> And I heard a man's voice..., "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."..."Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."...

<sup>14</sup> He said: "I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end. <sup>15</sup> The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>16</sup> The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between its eyes is the first king. <sup>17</sup> The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power. <sup>18</sup> ...a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. <sup>19</sup> He will become very strong...He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. <sup>20</sup> He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.

<sup>21</sup> "The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future."