

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

May 8, 2016

*“There will be a time of distress
such as has not happened from the beginning
of nations until then. But at that time your people
—everyone whose name is found written in the book—
will be delivered.”*

Daniel 12:1

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Micah 4:1-2; Psalm 86:9-10*

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say:

All: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

All: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

***JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

song continued above

**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.

**Indicates when to stand.*

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE, *continued

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us upward in the triumph song of life.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

***BEAUTIFUL LORD**

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,
I'm captured by this love I see.
Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,
your mercy brings me to my knees.
It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.*

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus 2x)

**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 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become
accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

**All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart
above you.**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall
not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to
you.**

continued above

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursuing convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments- Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 30:1-5*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

***AMAZING GRACE - Hymn #460, vs. 1-3, 6**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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.)

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)

JESUS, MESSIAH

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Daniel - Living in Babylon
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Wars and Such - Daniel 11:2-45 (NIV)

² "Now then, I tell you the truth: Three more kings will arise in Persia, and then a fourth, who will be far richer than all the others. When he has gained power by his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece.

³ Then a mighty king will arise, who will rule with great power and do as he pleases. ⁴ After he has arisen, his empire will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven. It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the power he exercised, because his empire will be uprooted and given to others...

¹¹ "Then the king of the South will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the North, who will raise a large army, but it will be defeated. ¹² When the army is carried off, the king of the South will be filled with pride and will slaughter many thousands, yet he will not remain triumphant. ¹³ For the king of the North will muster another army, larger than the first; and after several years, he will advance with a huge army fully equipped.

³⁶ "The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. ³⁷ He will show no regard for the gods of his ancestors ... nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all ...

³⁹ He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price. ⁴⁰ "At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. ⁴¹ He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall ... ⁴² He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape ... ⁴⁴ But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many.

⁴⁵ He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him. 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered.

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I. The rise and fall of nations

II. Changing borders do not hinder God's plan

III. Living life in the trenches of history

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Daniel 11 is so precise historically that many believe it to be 'prophecy' after-the-fact. Why should this not be a problem for those who believe that God can and does interact in human history both directly and indirectly?
2. American author Joseph Heller, best known for his novel *Catch-22*, described history as "a trash bag of random coincidences torn open in a wind." Yet people do not live this way. How does belief in the God of the Bible give meaning to history?
3. If the Lord is so fully in control of history as we see in ch 11, then how are we responsible for the things that we do? What does it mean to live in tension between the twin truths of sovereignty and responsibility? (read Phil 2:12 for an example of this).
4. The transition from v-39 to v-40 does not present us with a clear change of who is being spoken of. In a highly detailed chapter, this is one that is more ambiguous. Vs 36-45 are thought by some to speak of more than Antiochus IV. What are some possible textual clues that could point to a broader interpretation? Why is humility required with any of our conclusions?
5. In what way is v-45 anticlimactic? How is this also an encouragement for God's people? What hope does the gospel give you in living through these events?
6. OT scholar, Ian Duguid says that Daniel 11 calls God's people to: Believe, Resist, Teach and Pray. In what way does this chapter of history encourage us to live out these four imperatives?

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.

***BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his
wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)

(Chorus)

***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.

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE - *Hymn #648*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*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

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Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pastor Jamie Woods

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

MISSION MEAL: Join us for the first summer missionary visit and a special mother's day brunch TODAY, to meet Alex and Suzanne Sarran, PCA church planters in Lyon, France.

YOUTH GROUPS LAST MEETINGS: Senior and junior youth groups will conclude for the summer with last meetings on Wednesday, May 25.

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.

Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer TODAY to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries (that serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy during) their Baby Bottle Fund-raiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring it back to church by Father's Day. Questions? Call 257-5700.

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 conference at Easthaven Saturday, May 21. Contact Sandy Johnson (471-6220) for more information. Early registration deadline is May 11 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/Bud Salyer & Evan Iddings
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

Next Sunday - May 15

Ushers: Paul & Alyssa Hobus/Nick & Hanni Hanson
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne & Hannah Buckner
Infant Nursery: J. Thompson/Tinkham
Toddler Nursery: Uzzi/C. Hanson
Fellowship Hosts: Cathy Hanson & Laura Pierson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Amy Bennett/Mark Rice

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

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