

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 3, 2016

*“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.”*

Proverbs 12:15

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: *100 Fold Studio*

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-4**

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - Hymn #115**

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Indicates when to stand.*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

***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)

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.

***JESUS PAID IT ALL - Hymn #308**

I hear the Savoir say, your strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me your all in all

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, your power and yours alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

For nothing good have I, whereby your grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFSSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 34:9-12*

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

All: Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. This we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**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.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 34:18-22*

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS - *Hymn #307*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Adelaide Paisley Topp

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

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)

GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR

God of all splendor, wonder and might;
awesome creator, author of life;
Master and Savior, wholly divine;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

(Chorus)

*Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.
Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.
Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.*

God of all splendor, wonder and might;
essence of beauty and all that is right;
King of all glory, heaven's pure light;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

(Chorus 2x)

Summer Psalms and Proverbs
Micah Tinkham
Reflections on Folly - 1 Kings 3:3-14

³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. ⁴ And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 15:5

A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.

Proverbs 18:2

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 10:23

Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but wisdom is pleasure to a man of understanding.

Proverbs 17:10

A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.

Proverbs 26:7

Like a lame man's legs, which hang useless, is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 27:22

Crush a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, yet his folly will not depart from him.

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Sermon Outline

I. Folly comes naturally, while wisdom must be pursued

II. The fool does not listen

III. Folly is in the heart, not the head

IV. Age and experience is no protection against foolishness

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Consider: "In Proverbs, there is a strong ethical content to wisdom and folly. Wisdom is connected to justice and righteousness. Wisdom is constructive and leads to life, while folly is destructive and leads to death." —Tremper Longman III
2. Unlike the gullible, the fool is fixed in the correctness of his own opinion, which flies in the face of the established moral order revealed through the sage," writes Bruce Waltke. Why is it worse to be a fool than to be gullible or ignorant?
3. Why do you think wise King Solomon embraced the worship of idols at the end of his life? What does this tell you about acquiring wisdom?
4. Is wisdom a guarantee of blessedness, and does folly always lead to bad consequences? If not, why is it so important to pursue wisdom?
5. A mark of folly (and her sister, pride) is not being open to advice (Proverbs 9:7-9; 12:1; 29:1, 9). Do you listen to the correction of others? Are you willing to be corrected by someone who is not your superior in status or occupation?
6. Find additional examples of the following types of "folly proverbs:" those teaching the results of folly, those indicating that folly brings disgrace to parents, and those showing the nature of folly.

**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.

***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

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

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. 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.

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.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!** - *Hymn #100*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

***BENEDICTION**

**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.

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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Mark Cutler

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Garrett & Sarah Morrison with 100 Fold Studio, architecture and building ministry of YWAM.

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.

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH JULY 3 & 10: There will be no Children's Church during the second service on July 3 and 10.

JULY MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch with Garrett and Sarah Morrison with 100 Fold Studio Sunday, TODAY, after church.

COLUMBIA MISSION BBQ: You're invited to BBQ Thursday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. and learn about the ministry of their son Kevin Johnson, a missionary seminary professor in Colombia. Burgers and drinks will be provided - bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Sandy (471-6220) or Gloria (471-5620).

MT. AENEAS HIKE: Come take a hike! On Saturday, July 9, climb Mt. Aeneas in the Jewel Basin. Meet at 8:30 at the church; plan on an 8-hour day for a round trip hike of about 6 miles. Contact Sandy Johnson (471-6220) or Terry Falk (270-1308) for details.

LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to our next once-a-month book club Wednesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss "A Severe Mercy" by Sheldon Vanauken. For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH FAMILY CAMPOUT AUG. 26-27 TALLY LAKE: Ready for a campout under the stars with your church family? Contact the office for details!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, July 14, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

SERVING: July Deacon - Buford Bennett

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Volunteers Needed

Children's Church: NOT MEETING JULY 3 & 10

Infant Nursery: Uzzis/Dyes

Toddler Nursery: Wrights/Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Hanni Hanson

Next Sunday - July 10th

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Volunteers Needed

Children's Church: NOT MEETING JULY 3 & 10

Infant Nursery: Stahlbergs/S. Thompson

Toddler Nursery: J. Thompson/Embry

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Mark Rice

Summer Worship Services

Sundays 9 & 11 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

College Summer Group

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon