

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 22, 2017

*“What then shall I do when God rises up?
When he makes inquiry, what shall I answer him?
Did not he who made me in the womb make him?
And did not one fashion us in the womb?”*

Job 31:14-15

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art
(Chorus)

***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)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

**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: *2 John 1:6, 8-9*

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments ...
Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked
for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does
not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever
abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

All: Our soul is like a house, small for You to enter, but we pray
that You will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask You to re-
make it. It contains much that You will not be pleased to
see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we
cry except to You? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our
sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In
your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what You are to us. "Say
to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'" Come, O Lord, and stir
our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us
and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us
love You and hasten to your side. *(Adapted from St. Augustine's
Confessions)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-21*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.

*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.

***THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD - Hymn #111**

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and around me rings, the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white, declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one

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 Corner Classroom)

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS RICH AND FREE

The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

(Chorus)

*Love cannot from its post withdraw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.*

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
and love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart.

(Chorus)

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.

(Chorus)

Life Sunday
Pastor Lloyd Pierson
“If I Have ...” - Job 31:13-22 (ESV)

¹³ "If I have rejected the cause of my manservant or my maidservant,
when they brought a complaint against me,
¹⁴ what then shall I do when God rises up?
When he makes inquiry, what shall I answer him?
¹⁵ Did not he who made me in the womb make him?
And did not one fashion us in the womb?
¹⁶ "If I have withheld anything that the poor desired,
or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,
¹⁷ or have eaten my morsel alone,
and the fatherless has not eaten of it
¹⁸ (for from my youth the fatherless grew up with me as with a father,
and from my mother's womb I guided the widow),
¹⁹ if I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,
or the needy without covering,
²⁰ if his body has not blessed me,
and if he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep,
²¹ if I have raised my hand against the fatherless,
because I saw my help in the gate,
²² then let my shoulder blade fall from my shoulder,
and let my arm be broken from its socket.
²³ For I was in terror of calamity from God,
and I could not have faced his majesty.

Sermon Questions for Further Reflection

1. Job makes a bold claim. He is willing to be judged by the Lord harshly if he has failed to care for those under him. It is his fear of the Lord that drives this. Would this be true of you or would fear keep you from even making this claim?
2. How does a fear of the Lord and a love for his creation fuel how we view the world and how we live?
3. Job speaks of how he has lived both publicly and privately. With him, there is no “I am personally against unrighteousness, but will publicly support it.” How does this challenge your own willingness to step into the public arena for what is right?

4. How does the Incarnation instruct our view of the vulnerable and helpless? Consider: "That which Jesus did not assume is not healed; but that which is united to God is saved" – Gregory of Nazianzus
5. The Bible continually speaks of caring for the widow and orphan – protecting the powerless. What role do we have here in the Flathead to do that? How has the Lord challenged you personally to get involved? What are you doing about it?
6. How does the gospel encourage and enable us to make a Job-like claim about our own righteous acts?

Sermon Outline

I. Clearing a Path

II. Righteousness in the Public Square

III. The Joy of Jesus-Fueled Actions

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.

*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance on below)*

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.

***ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

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 Taylor Clark

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

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley,
Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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: Hope Pregnancy Ministries and Clear Choice Clinic

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ on the Tajikistan/Uzbekistan border.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP: We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 others from our church family. Meet once a month, February - April, and share a meal with a different group each time. Sign up by Jan. 22 in the foyer!

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the PCA denomination? Sign up in the foyer. Classes are Sundays after second service starting February 5 for four weeks. Lunch provided.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Everyone is invited to come sing with us! We'll practice Tuesdays, Jan. 24 and Jan. 31, at 7:00 p.m. and sing for the Sunday, Feb. 5, worship services.

FCC MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES:

There are many opportunities to serve at Faith Covenant both in the church and out in the community. Contact the following leaders about their ministry.

Children's Church:	HELP NEEDED - Contact the office
Feed the Flathead:	HELP NEEDED - Contact the office
Fellowship:	Sue Richardson (253-2680)
Meals Ministry:	Jenny Heyboer (249-7678)
Missions:	Tim Anderson (270-4951)
Nursery:	Sara Motley (249-7513)
Refuge Ministries:	Sissy Hashley (890-2168)
Small Groups:	Pastor Taylor Clark (752-2400)
Women's Ministry:	Kristin Bay (249-2411)
Senior Youth Group:	Trent Neumann (212-7625)
Junior High Youth Group:	Sean & Lisa Iddings (871-5157)

SERVING: January Deacon: Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Jevon Clark & Lloyd Pierson/Bruce & Benni Tulloch
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer & Grace Anderson
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Sullivan/Brenneman
Nursery 11 a.m.: Anderson
Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Judy Fosbery
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - Jan. 29nd

Ushers: Jevon Clark & Lloyd Pierson/Bruce & Benni Tulloch
Children's Church: Carol Van Duyne
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Swenson
Nursery 11 a.m.: Hunter/A. Pierson
Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Hanni Hanson

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sundays 10 pm

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups

Wednesdays 7 pm

College/Career Small Group

Wednesdays 7 pm