

# FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*December 2, 2018*



*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.”*

*Jeremiah 33:14*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Joel 2:1**

Leader: "Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill.  
Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is  
coming. It is close at hand. Come, let us worship God."

**\*O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL - Hymn #208**

O come, all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

*(Chorus)*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, light of light  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God begotten not created

*(Chorus)*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest

*(Chorus)*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father late in flesh appearing:

*(Chorus)*

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

**\*REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

*(Repeat)*

*(Chorus)*

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;  
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,  
the only wise King.

*(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
at the mention of your name.

Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,  
such a marv'lous mystery!

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door  
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak  
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile  
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me  
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state  
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust  
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me  
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past  
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 1:5-8*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All:** Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! (*Psalm 79:8-9*)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 28:8-9*

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

### **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.

**\*BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)**

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

*(Chorus)*

*Amen amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen, let my song join the one that never ends  
(Because He lives)*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away  
*(Chorus)*

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**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 Corner Classroom)*

**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.)

# COME AND WORSHIP



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er the earth;



Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro -



13 claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and Wor - ship Come and wor - ship,



20 Come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the new - born King. 2. Shep herds, 3. Saints be



27 in the fields a - bid - ing watch - ing o'er your flocks by night fore the al - tar ben - ding watch - ing long in hope and fear



33 God with man is now re - sid - ing You - der shines the In - fant light Sud - den - ly - the Lord, de - scend - ing, In His tem - ple shall ap - pear



39 Come and Wor - ship Come and wor - ship; Come and



46 wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ the new - born King

To Verse 3 after repeat





\*O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL - Hymn #194 vs. 1, 3-5

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*(Chorus)*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave  
*(Chorus)*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
*(Chorus)*

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery  
*(Chorus)*

**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.

## 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)*

### *Lyrics to the Solo for Reference: There Blooms a Rose in Bethlehem*

There blooms a rose in Bethlehem from tender stem hath sprung  
Of Jesse's line this flower grows as men of old have sung  
Isaiah told us long ago about this rose we'd find  
In virgin arms we shall behold the Savior of mankind

The glories of the heavens surrounded shepherds bright  
The angels sang a sign was shown the Christ was born that night  
What mystery they came upon the sign the heralds laud  
In manger slept the Holy One in flesh the Son of God

This flow'r in bloom a scent so sweet that greets us in the air  
It has dispelled with hopefulness the sting of death's despair  
Foretold this rose was born to die but would not see decay  
So those who place their faith in Him shall blossom from the grave

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### **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.

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.

**\*HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING - Hymn #203**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

**\*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.**

*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 *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,

Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Hope Church, Kalispell,  
Pastor Lance Dannic

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Kevin and Sarah Johnson ministering, writing and teaching in Guatemala City.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** Candlelight Services will be held this year at 6 and 8 p.m.

**LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Ladies 3 to 93 are invited to Christmas lunch TODAY at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy lunch and assemble Christmas gift baskets for the Refuge clients so, if you're able, bring a small gift item (or several) to contribute.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the holiday pressures and the constant distraction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet. Childcare provided.

### **GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:**

Targeted Budget = \$342,253.54; Offerings received = \$327,165.28

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Dec. 13, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

**PRAYER CARDS** are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders and Deacons only, or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to an Elder or Pastor.

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### **SERVING:** December Deacon -

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

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Bruce & Benni Tulloch

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Early Nursery: Petersens

Late Nursery: Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Sam Hudson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Hanni Hanson

#### **Next Sunday December 9th**

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Bruce & Benni Tulloch

Children's Church: Hanni & Zephy Hanson

Early Nursery: J. Thompson

Late Nursery: Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson & Jennifer Hargett

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Yvonne Hernandez

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### **WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

#### **Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

#### **Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

#### **Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

#### **Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

#### **Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm

#### **Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

#### **Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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