

# FAITH COVENANT

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*December 9, 2018*



*“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him.”  
Isaiah 11:1*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 50*

Leader: The Mighty God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

All: Out God comes and will not be silent. God calls, and we respond to his love.

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

All: We tell our God's glories!

#### \*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH - *Hymn #214*

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

(Chorus)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be? Which inspire your heav'nly song?

(Chorus)

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

(Chorus)

## \*O HOLY NIGHT

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

*Fall on your knees O hear the angel voices  
O night divine O night when Christ was born  
O night O holy night O night divine*

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here came the wise men from Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our Friend

*He knows our need to our weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King before Him lowly bend  
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Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name

*Christ is the Lord O praise His name forever  
His power and glory evermore proclaim  
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### 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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**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*WHAT CHILD IS THIS** - *Hymn #213*

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 30:15, 18*

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM *verse 4*

O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24*

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

## 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.

## \*IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

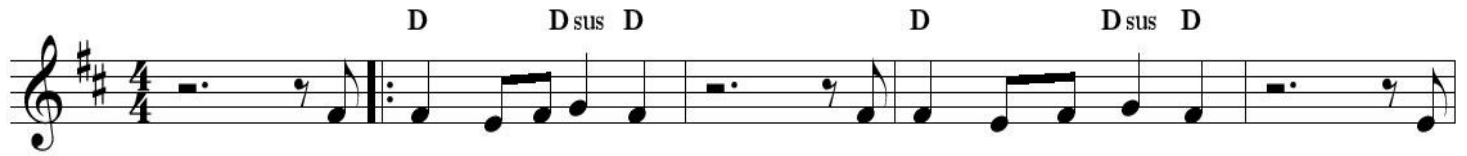
*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*

*11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

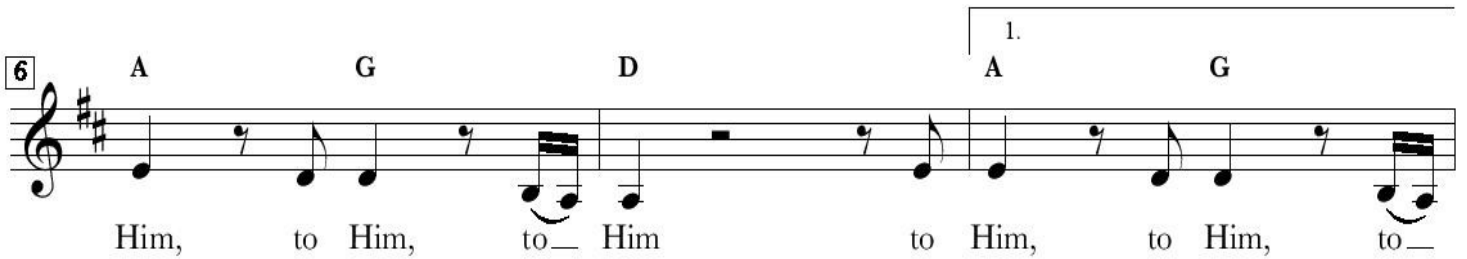
### Offering

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.)

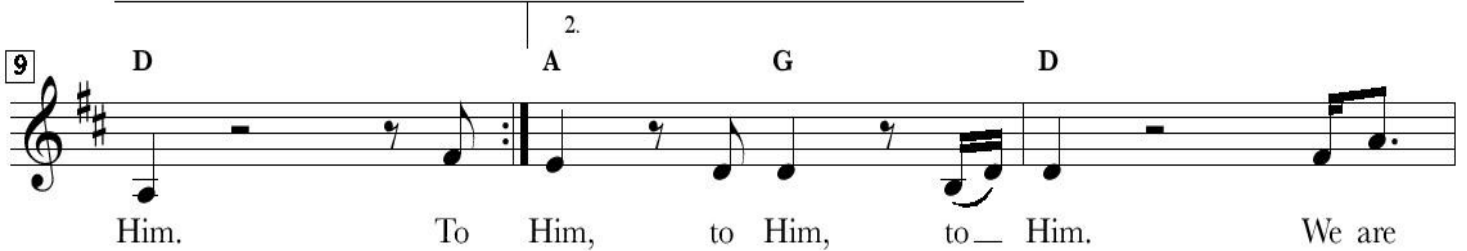
# TO HIM WHO IS ABLE



To Him who is a - ble to keep you from fall - ing, to



Him, to Him, to — Him to Him, to Him, to —



Him. To Him, to Him, to — Him. We are



stand - ing in — His pre - sence with our gar - ments clean and white.



All glo - ry, hon - or, pow - er maj - es - ty — to Je - sus Christ.

*Advent: The Coming of the Son of Righteousness*

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

*The Stump of Jesse - Isaiah 11:1-5 (ESV)*

- <sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips she shall kill the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

**Sermon Outline**

- I. Failure is not final—God has a plan



## Sermon Outline, *continued*

II., Righteousness and Faithfulness come together—God has the power


### **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.

### **Sermon Questions**


1. Given their historical context, what is encouraging to Israel about a root of Jesse rising up?
2. What is significant about the sevenfold elaboration of the Spirit here?
3. In Isaiah 4:2 and 6:13, what kind of picture of future redemption does Isaiah present with this imagery?
4. How does Jesus bring these promises to fruition? What still remains (cf. 11:6-16)?
5. This picture of the Messiah is a kingly one. What about the rule and reign of Jesus in your life is encouraging? How is it a struggle?

# \*THERE BLOOMED A ROSE IN BETHLEHEM



There\_ blooms a rose in Beth-le - hem, from ten - der stem hath sprung. Of\_  
 The\_\_ glo - ries of the heav - ens sur - round - ed shep - herds bright. The  
 This\_\_ flow'r in bloom, a scent so\_ sweet that greets us in the air. It\_\_

6 Bm F#m G D Em E7 A



Jes - se's line this flow - er\_\_ grows as men of old have sung. I -  
 an - gels sang, a sign was\_ shown, the Christ was born that night. What  
 has dis - pelled with hope - ful - ness the sting of death's de - spair. Fore -

10 A7/C# Dsus D F#7 Bm G



sa - iah told us long a - go a - bout this rose we'd find;\_\_ In\_\_  
 mys - ter - y they came up-on, the sign the her - als laud,\_\_ in\_\_  
 told, this rose was born to die, but would not see de - cay\_\_ so\_\_

14 D F#m G D G6 Asus D



vir - gin arms, we shall be - hold the Sav - ior of man - kind.  
 man - ger slept the Ho - ly\_\_ One, in flesh, the Son of God.  
 those who place their faith in\_\_ Him shall blos - som from the grave.

## 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

### \*GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*(Chorus)*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;*

*Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy Light.

*(Chorus)*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

*(Chorus)*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born  
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn!

*(Chorus)*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### **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.

### **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 (sabbatical), 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:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Mark Cutler

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

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

**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.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Moms of all ages are invited for help, encouragement and other resources on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr., Kalispell). Call Sharon Salyer with questions (212-1758).

**NEW 33 MEN'S GROUP:** A new 33 Series, Volume 4, for men starts Wednesdays, Jan. 2, at 6 a.m. Then 33 Series Volume 2 will begin Thursdays, Jan. 3, at 6 a.m. Sign up for either class in the foyer today! Contact Rik Goodell (890-1973) with questions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK:** There will be no Sunday School December 23 and 30 for the holidays.

**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).

**SERMON RECORDINGS** can be found at our website [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com). Listen online, subscribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the sermon title.

**ENEWSLETTER:** If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday newsletter, contact the office at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).

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**SERVING:** December Deacon - Kyle Hanson

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

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/Benni Tulloch

**Next Sunday December 16th**

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Volunteers needed

Children's Church: Becky Neumann & Grace/Emma Anderson

Early Nursery: Hernandez & Rowe

Late Nursery: Ockert & Putzler

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

**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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