

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 20, 2019*

*“For although they knew God,  
they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him,  
but they became futile in their thinking,  
and their foolish hearts were darkened.”  
Romans 1:21*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*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!

### \*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

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

Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
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!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, *continued***

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*BECAUSE HE LIVES**

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)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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\*ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

You on my head, in early youth did smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
You did not leave me, as often I left Thee.  
On to the end Lord, abide with me.

I need Your presence, every passing hour.  
What but Your grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is your sting death? Where grave your victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up your cross Lord, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's chains are freed;  
*In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

## FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show  
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below  
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own  
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own  
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below  
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown  
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

## 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.

## 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.

**\*FORGIVEN**

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show  
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below  
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own  
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

*(Chorus)*

*Forgiven, forgiven, through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own  
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below  
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown  
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

*(Chorus)*

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past  
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last  
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong  
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

*(Chorus 2x)*

**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)*

## ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:  
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.  
Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.  
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified.

*(Chorus)*

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

*(Chorus)*

*O for grace to trust Him more!*

*Life Sunday*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*A Reminder of Life - Romans 1 & 8 (ESV)*

**Romans 1:18-29**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them ... <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened ...

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions.

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness.

**Romans 8:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

**Sermon Outline**

I. What We Choose to Not Know



## Sermon Outline, *continued*

### II. Sight to Blind Eyes

#### Sermon Questions

1. Consider: “To say “my conscience knows” something is simply to say that “I” know it, in the depths of my being, in my heart. Ethical knowledge is a function of the whole person.”—John Frame. The Bible treats us a whole persons. What does this means for us when we deal with thorny ethical issues?
2. Consider: The Didache (1st-2nd cent Christian writing) “you shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill them when born.” The Letter of Barnabas (1st cent-2nd cent Christian letter): “you shall not murder a child by abortion, nor again shall you kill it when it is born’. Tertullian’s Apology (a.d 197): “For us murder is once for all forbidden; so even the child in the womb, while yet the mother’s blood is still being drawn on to form the human being, it is not lawful for us to destroy. To forbid birth is only quicker murder. It makes no difference whether one take away the life once born or destroy it as it comes to birth. He is a man who is to be a man; the fruit is always present in the seed.” (Apology, 9:8.)
3. Willful blindness is choosing to not know what we know. How does Paul diagnosis this with fallen humanity? How do we begin to see what we don’t want to see?
4. Beside being “against abortion”, what does being “for life” look like in our lives?
5. How does Roman 8:1 minister to those who are weighed down by condemnation of their sin?

**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.

**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.

**\*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)*

**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.

## \*COMMUNION PRAYER



Our Fa-ther we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you



met us in your Son and brought us home. Dy-ing and liv-ing, de-



clar-ing your love, He gave His grace - and opened the gates of glo - ry to

### CHORUS



us. *So may we who share Christ's bo - dy - live his ri - sen*



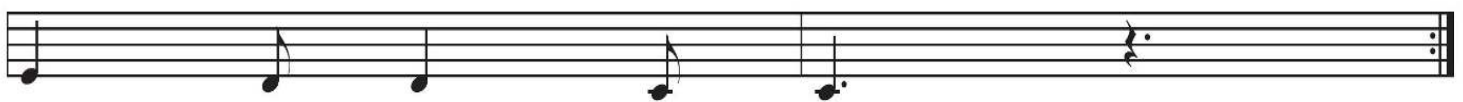
*life. We who drink His cup bring life to others. — We whom the*



*Spi - rit lights bring light to the world.*



Keep us firm in the hope that You've set be - fore - us so we and all Your



chil - dren shall be free.

## \*BENEDICTION

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Hope Pregnancy Ministries & Clear Choice Clinic

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ in Central Asia.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** on Wednesday, Jan. 23, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. A 6 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend. The annual report and 2019 budget information is available in the foyer: please take one per family. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, please contact Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting on the 23th.

**SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING** are available on the table in the foyer.

Twelve pots of soup, any kind, are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each. Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on January 23.

**NO YOUTH GROUPS:** The junior and senior high youth groups will not meet this Wednesday, Jan. 23, for the annual meeting.

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP:** We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, February - April and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). A host will be assigned for each month to host in their home (or another location of their choice). Sign up by January 20 in the foyer!

**JUST LOOKING CLASS:** Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Membership is not required after taking the class but the class is required for membership. Sign up in the foyer.

Classes are Sundays after second service starting February 3 for four weeks. Lunch provided.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with the coffee hour, ushering, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation, and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, you don't need to sign up again.

**LADIES SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for our women's overnight retreat Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2! Watch for registration and details coming soon!

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**SERVING:** January Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: Gary & Barb Fenner/Tim & Kate Anderson

Children's Church: Judy Peters & Lori George

Early Nursery: C. Hansons

Late Nursery: Buckners

Fellowship Hosts: Carlynn Stahlberg & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Theresa Paolini

**Next Sunday January 27th**

Ushers: Gary & Barb Fenner/Tim & Kate Anderson

Children's Church: Julie & Anna Thompson

Early Nursery: H. Hanson

Late Nursery: Vander Ark

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Judy Fosberry

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Benni Tulloch

**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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