

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

*October 27, 2019
Reformation Sunday*

“Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.”

Colossians 2:18-19

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 117*

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations;

All: extol him, all you peoples

Leader: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness
of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord.

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD- *Hymn #92*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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.

**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

All: My God and my Creator, I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, envy, hatred, malice and other sinful affections. I repent of these things, and I am sorry for them, and I ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 28:6-7*

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

***COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH:** *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

***ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eye shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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)

I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

(Repeat all)

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.)

Colossians
Reverend Ben Melli
Hold Your Head Up — Colossians 2:16-23 (ESV)

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Sermon Outline

I. Legalism offers no Truth

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II. Legalism offers no Grace

III. Legalism offers no Hope

**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.

Sermon Questions

1. What were the false teachers trying to do? How were they trying to do it?
1. What is the attraction of legalism?
2. What does it look like to hold fast to Christ?
3. Where does change come from?
4. What does a legalistic person look like in contrast to a grace filled person?

Children's Question

If you had a really difficult task to do, one that you know you would fail at doing, but had the promise of a great prize if you succeeded, how would you feel doing that task if you knew that you would get the prize no matter if you failed or succeeded? Jesus has already succeeded at the impossible task we have of pleasing God. He doesn't require us to do something really hard for our prize, but does ask that we trust Him for our prize. You are free to live a life pleasing to God because Jesus has already lived the life you could not live on your behalf. You get the prize of His life, death, and resurrection forever!

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD - 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)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

**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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*INCHRIST 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.*

*BENEDICTION

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

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. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

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

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: Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Mark Cutler

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Tim & Emily Herset leaders, Young Life Kalispell.

TIME CHANGE REMINDER! Remember to move your clocks back one hour this coming Sunday, Nov. 3 when Daylight Savings Time ends!

MEN'S FRATERNITY 33 SERIES starts in October. Volume 3: A Man & His Traps will start Tuesdays, Oct. 29, at 6 a.m. Volume 5: A Man & His Marriage will start Wednesdays, Oct. 30, at 6 a.m. Sign up in the foyer for these weekly studies that help men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity in scripture. Contact Rik Goodell (890 1973) with questions.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending Communicant's Class, please sign up on in the foyer. The class will meet Monday - Thursday, Nov. 4-7, at the church at 3:45-4:30 p.m. Contact the office with questions (752-2400).

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug and recharge in reflective quiet as we follow this beautiful liturgy of worship. Childcare provided.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Please join our Christmas choir! Rehearsals will be during Sunday School in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, Nov. 17, through Dec. 15. The choir will sing at both services Dec. 22 and Christmas Eve. If you are 13 or older, want to get involved in music at Faith Covenant and love to sing, please join us! Sign up in the foyer and/or contact Bekah Marsh for more information (434)882-2319.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to celebrate the **40th Anniversary of Faith Covenant Church** at a special Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m. followed by a pie reception. Join us for testimony and commemoration of all God as done for and through His local church.

CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHY: We have two gifted photographers who will be taking pictures of church life for use on the church website and pamphlets. Please let the office know if you have any questions about this.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will again collect shoeboxes for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up box labels in the foyer and learn more at samaritanspurse.org. Please do not include toothpaste, candy, or any other food; and the shipping cost is \$9/box. Bring your boxes to the church by Sunday, November 17.

SERVING: October Deacon - Micah Hill

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Mike & Julie Thompson/Lancaster Family
Children's Church: Brenda & Maraeah Buckner
Early Nursery: Ockert/Putzler
Late Nursery: Buckners
Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Jenny Heyboer
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday November 3rd

Ushers: Rik & Audrey Goodell/Help Needed
Children's Church: Sharon Salyer
Early Nursery: H. Hansons
Late Nursery: Motleys
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Arline Tinkham

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 6 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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